Trojan Times

October 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*

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*

Social Workers:

Last Names A-L: *Janine Walch Blohowiak*
Last Names M-Z: *Anna Van Schyndel*

Upcoming Dates to Know...

Oct. 24: All-Choir Concert

Nov. 1: No School
Nov. 1: Newsies Tickets Go On Sale
Nov. 4-8: National School Psychology Week
Nov. 14: Parent/Teacher Conferences PM
Nov. 19: Parent/Teacher Conferences PM
Nov. 27: Parent/Teacher Conferences AM
Nov. 27: Newsies ALUMNI Preview
Nov. 27-29: No School

Dec. 6, 7: Newsies Musical Performance
Dec. 12, 13, 14: Newsies Musical Performance
Dec. 19: Band/Orchestra Concert
Dec. 23 - Jan.1: No School/Winter Recess

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



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.



hello OCTOBER





The first Math Meet of the school year! Students participate in 3 individual rounds and one team round (shown in pictures). Their scores are tallied and they compete against 11 other area schools.



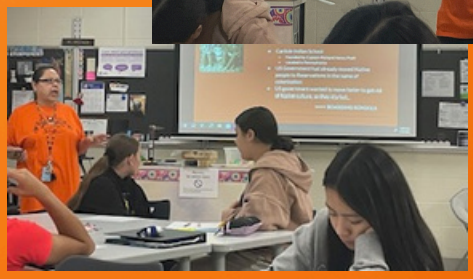
Students checked the health and treatment of the beehives, and ensured that the bees were still producing honey... They were!!

Southwest staff and students celebrated Orange Shirt Day in remembrance of the history of Residential/Board School for Native/Indian children across Canada and the U.S. The idea of the orange shirt comes from a residential school survivor.









The YES program talked with ELA 9 classes about orange shirt day and boarding schools.



Choir is off to a great start this year! Pictured are photos from their Homecoming performance during halftime.



Come see their first concert on Thursday, October 24 @ 7p.m. Always free; always memorable!



Daisy joined the Autism-Focus room!









Early in the school year, the Army Representatives brought in some team building challenges. AVID 1, AVID 2 & Phy. Ed. classes participated in these challenges to help build their class community and develop team work skills.



Seniors played the juniors and staff in kickball during homecoming week and completely dominated!

A special shout out to our fearless, dedicated and caring custodian team, who are here day and night keeping our school clean! **Kris Ketterhagen, Jesus Murillo Martinez, Scott Plouff, Jorge Ruiz Blandon, Shawn Sheedy, Dawn Telford, Humberto Trejos and Melissa Tuell.**

We would also like to recognize our building engineer, **Josh Delair;** thank you for working with the facilities team and all of the additional work that you do for us!



SW Marching Trojans hosted the 11th Annual GBAPS Marching Showcase here at SW, which featured the halftime shows of 5 different schools with a total of over 450 students on the field! SW students did a phenomenal job!

[Look at more photos by the Green Bay Press Gazette]

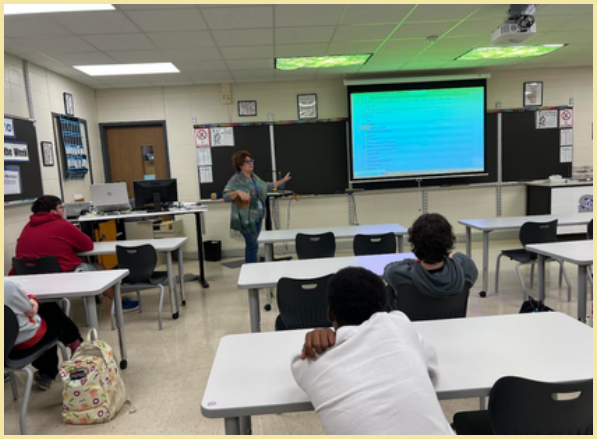
[Check out the video of "Viva la Vida"- Combined piece by all 5 bands]

[Check out "Paranormal"- SW's halftime show]









Youth Apprenticeship School Based Coach, Lisa Schroeder, presented material to Mr. Gaie's advisory class.

Is your student interested in making money while training for a career? Northeast Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship is ready to help. Youth Apprentices can earn class credits, while they are an apprentice that they can put towards graduation! Additionally, YA provides training in 16 diverse career clusters while building employability skills.

Visit Southwest High School's YA NEWS, Southwest's School Based Coach Site, to learn more on getting involved.

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



Mr. Mike Whisler
Principal
Email Mike



Mr. Chris Williams
Athletic & Activities Director
Email Chris



Ms. Tori Adkins
Associate Principal
Student Support A-L
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Mr. John Polkowski
Manager of Student Engagement
Email John



Ms. Louisa Samples
Associate Principal
Student Support M-Z
Email Louisa

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD Southwest Who's Who?

Career Center



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Career Center Coordinator
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Ms. Lisa Schroeder
Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator
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Mr. Sonny Soquet
Career Coach - NWTC
Email Sonny

Image coming soon

Ms. Lisa Kong
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Student Services

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Ms. Ying-Jing Vang
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Ms. Bonnie Baranczyk
School Nurse
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920-272-7638



Ms. Ma Vang
Registrar
Email Ma



Meet Our New Staff!

Tonya Davis
Virtual Interpreter



A Note From Principal Whisler…





Many, many years ago, I remember needing to use printed off maps from Mapquest © to drive from Madison, Wisconsin to Chicago, Illinois (and quite frankly anywhere else that I would want to go that I was not familiar with). Now the times have changed and I use Google Maps © to get from unfamiliar places. Regardless, a sense of where you want to go (Vision) and the directions on how to get there (Mission) are necessary for any journey. Those journeys are not only those that you take in a car, but also those journeys that you take in life.

That is why, over the last couple of months, Southwest High School staff have spent time revisiting the school's Vision and Mission statements. You may have seen them printed around the building and the grounds, maybe even online at our school's webpage.

The Southwest High School Vision and Mission statements are shared publicly to communicate with you what we, as the staff of Southwest High School, strive to accomplish for all of our students and how we are going to meet those goals

Vision Statement

ALL Southwest High School students will receive a learning experience that:

- *Challenges and Engages them in their Academic and Social/Emotional Learning;*
- *Affirms who they are as Individuals;*
- *Prepares them for the Future; and*
- *Is Meaningful to them at Home, at School, and in the Community.*

Mission Statement

Together We Will…

- *Pursue Learning;*
- *Build Confidence;*
- *Create Opportunities;*
- *Encourage Acceptance;*
- *Demonstrate Pride; and*
- *Inspire Greatness.*



As mentioned in the Mission Statement, "Together We Will…" are words we live by here at Southwest High School. That "Together" includes students, parents, guardians, family members, and other individuals throughout our school community. By living this Vision and Mission on a daily basis, our school community will be one that will benefit each and every young person that walks through it's doors.

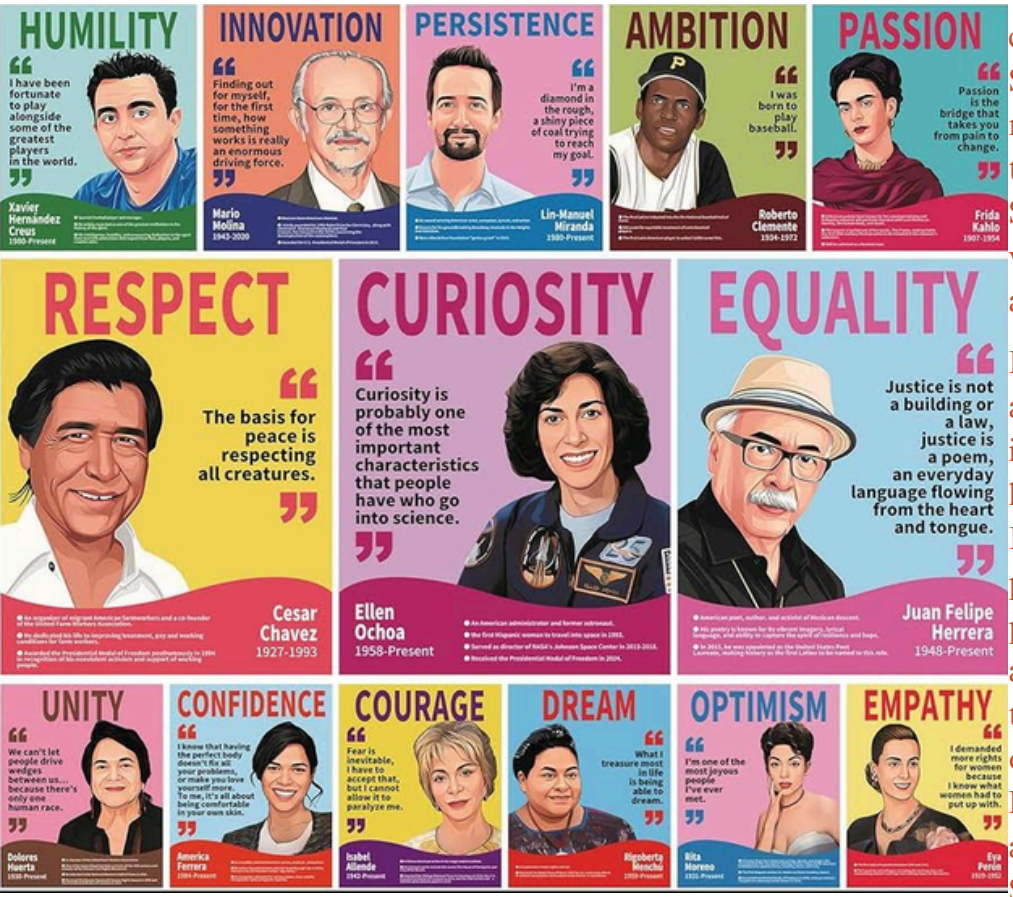
If you have any questions about the Vision and/or Mission statements, or anything else, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Together We Will…

Mike Whisler
Principal

From Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica:

We celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month** (September 15 to October 15) to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. The observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988. The theme for 2024 is "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together."



While we celebrate Hispanic and Latino communities beyond this month, from September 15 to October 15 we give extra recognition to the many contributions made to the history and culture of the United States, including important advocacy work, vibrant art, popular and traditional foods, and much more.

Hispanic Heritage Month provides an additional opportunity to explore the incredible impact Latinas and Latinos have had on the United States for generations. The Latino presence in America spans centuries, predating Spain's colonization of what is now part of the United States, and they have been an integral part of shaping our nation since the Revolutionary War. Through the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the Treaty of Paris that followed the Mexican-American and Spanish-American wars, the United States gained territories in the Southwest and Puerto Rico. This incorporated the people of this area into the United States and further expanded the presence of Hispanic Americans.

Today, the Latino population in the United States today is over 60 million, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This makes up 18.9% of the total population and is the largest racial or ethnic group. Latinos continue to help fuel our economy and enrich our nation as entrepreneurs, athletes, artists, entertainers, scientists, public servants, and much more.





From the Career Center...



College Visits & ASVAB Testing for FALL 2024

St. Norbert
Wednesday, October 23rd at
During 4th hour
They will be meeting in the Career Center Main Room.

UW River Falls
Thursday, October 24th
During lunch hours
They will have a table in the Commons.



ASVAB Test
October 21 @ 7:30am
For interested students or military-bound.
**Measures student aptitudes including verbal, math, science, technical, and spatial.*
Sign up in the Career Center.

The Marines
Monday, October 28th
During lunch hours
They will have a table in the Commons.



Review the referendum fact sheet & VOTE NOV. 5!

English | Somali | Hmong | Spanish

Input Requested! Parent/ Guardian Questionnaire

Please use the QR code to confidentially share with us on how we 're doing. This will assist us in continuing to develop our school priorities related to *Student Learning, Family Engagement, and School Climate and Culture.* Thank you for your help!

HSHS High School BOOTCAMP

Interested in health care but not sure of a career path?

HSHS High School Bootcamp can help!

Monday, December 30 | 7:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
HSHS St. Vincent Hospital | Green Bay, Wis.

HSHS High School Bootcamp offers high school students:

- Awareness of various health care careers.
- Opportunity to learn from and interact with HSHS health care professionals.
- Knowledge of how health care teams work together to provide quality patient care.
- Job shadowing in their areas of interest.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Go to hshs.org. 2. Access the careers page. 3. Search High School Bootcamp.
OR **SCAN THE QR CODE!**

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15, 2024.

For more information, email ericka.mulroy@hshs.org.

Hospital Sisters HEALTH SYSTEM | HSHS St. Vincent HSHS St. Mary's Foundation

If you are interested in supporting future health care bootcamp events, please email the foundation director at JohannahWenig@hshs.org..

From Student Services...

SWHS is planning to host a College Carnival style **Get it Done Day** on October 25th from approximately 9:45-1:30 (periods 3-6). The event will be hosted in the LMC and is for Senior students who are planning to "get it done" with regard to:

**The college application process.*
**FSA ID and FAFSA (although we'll be hosting a separate College Goal event in January specifically for this) along with college scholarships.*
**Parchment accounts and general transcript requests.*
**Any other related materials, needs or general questions.*

SWHS student services staff along with representatives from UWGB and NWTC will be in attendance to answer questions and provide support.

Done

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITES

Featured Scholarships

More information for scholarships can be found on the Southwest High School Scholarship document.

St. Norbert College Music Scholarship Auditions

Robert G. Sharp Trust

University of Wisconsin-Madison Alumni Club of Brown County

Southwest High School Scholarships

SCAN ME

Green Bay Schools District Scholarship Guide

Save the Date

Southwest Senior Scholarship Night
Monday, May 19, 2025 6 p.m.
****Only Scholarship Recipients Invited****

11th Grade Post Secondary Planning Conferences

The Southwest High School Counseling Team would like to invite families and guardians to set up a 11th grade Individual Student Planning Conference. The purpose of the planning conference is to help 11th grade students develop their individual pathway to post-secondary success. Please contact Jennifer Anderson at 920-492-2652 or jsanderson1@gbaps.org to set up an appointment with your student counselors.

Letter

ISP Conference Document

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY
Students of the Month

Every month, the SWHS National Honor Society celebrates students who have ***demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, overcome significant challenges, reached a personal academic goal, or have proven themselves as academic leaders in the classroom****. The below students have been nominated by a teacher for September.*

Ian Klug
Catrell Darby
Asher Gonzalez-Felix
Dajiah McGrew
Antwan Hollis
Dillion Pamonicutt
Ladndon Iverson
Lee Blohm
Jacob Fischer
Giovani Vazquez
Jakk Peters
Ethan Brown
Farzana Akbari
Parker Stone
Shania Stache

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 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.

Guardian's Guide to Chromebooks

What you've always wanted to know about Chromebooks in your student's classroom. Your student's Chromebook may be a little bit different than the computer you have at home or the one you use at work, so we've created this overview to help you understand what a Chromebook is and how it's used.
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

Nominate a deserving teacher and/or team of teachers for the 2025 Golden Apple Awards!
Nominations open October 1, 2024 at 8 a.m. and close October 25, 2024 at 3 p.m.
Nomination Form - English

Click below to nominate a teacher !

Online Nomination Form - English
Online Nomination Form - Spanish





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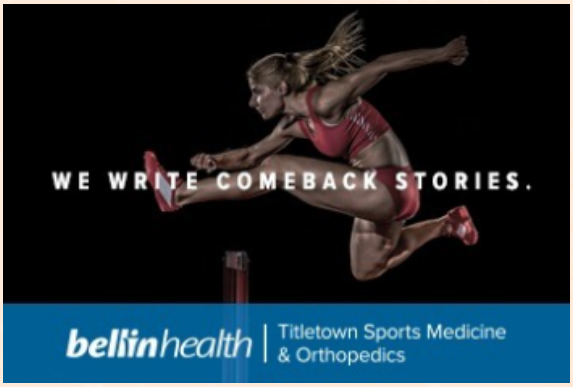
Beat the crowds and **get a digital ticket** for the remaining football, volleyball, and soccer games!
*Sporting event tickets will be **digital only** for the Winter & Spring seasons.*
Visit our website to learn more!

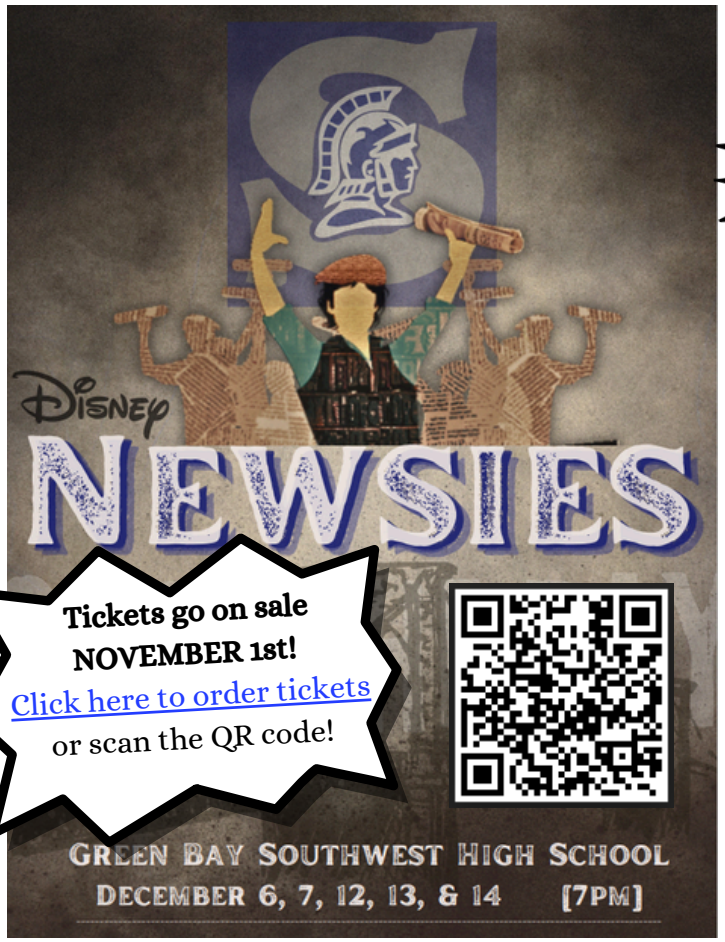


National White Cane Safety Day on October 15 celebrates the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired. The day marks the importance of recognizing the white cane. The white cane is not only a tool. It also represents the independence of those who are blind worldwide.

White Cane Safety Day celebrates all of the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired, and the principal symbol of blindness and tool of independence, the white cane. While technological advancements continue to improve the lives of the blind and visually impaired, the white cane continues to be a basic necessity for leading an independent and productive life. The white cane extends a person's senses allowing them to determine steps, unlevel pavement, and obstacles. But it also provides a level of safety as a signal to the seeing public. It's important not to disrupt the path of someone with a white cane or to steer them in another direction. A skilled user allows the cane to find the clearest way.
#WhiteCaneSafetyDay

Bellin Health Titletown Sports Medicine and Orthopedics is offering a service for high school (& middle school) athlete's, with new injuries, to see an orthopedic provider on Saturdays during the fall season through Oct. 26th between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM, first come first served. Bellin Health Titletown Sports Medicine and Orthopedics is located at 1970 S Ridge Rd, your comeback starts here!





SUBMIT NOW!

Senior Yearbook Portraits

Due Nov. 27!

Note: The STUDENT is the main focus of the photo so the ***student must be front & center*** *in the picture.*

Click here to submit photos.



Show Choir: Seeking Talented Performers

The 24.25 Southwest Show Choir is all about rebuilding and reframing our musical goals. Can your student sing? Dance? Sing and dance? Play an instrument and seeking that creative outlet - we are recruiting musicians for our combo as well! We want all talented performers who would like to participate to audition.

This year ushers in a brand new Show Choir Director, Steve Ellingson and Assistant Director, Erin Basten. Both are excited to be sharing this musical development year with you.

Director: Steve Ellingson
Steve hails from Southern Door County, where he attended SDHS. He was a highly active music student in both band and choir. While at SDHS he was a 4 year member section leader/student choreographer of the SDHS "Beat 57" show choir. Steve attended Luther College in Decorah, IA as a Weston Noble Music Scholar studying voice, communication and economics. Steve supports the Green Bay District currently as an Assistant Director of Sound and Technology for the 2024 Southwest musical "Newsies". Professionally, Mr. Ellingson serves as the Director of National Vertical Market Sales at Rand McNally Milemaker and is the owner of The Music Caterer, a Wisconsin-based DJ service.

Assistant Director: Erin Basten
A Green Bay native and GBAPS alum, Erin performed in the Baird, Edison and Preble Orchestras (many, many years ago). As an adult she has lended her voice to karaoke, community theater and long form narration. She joined the District as an employee with the Department of Technology in 2021. Staff may recognize her from various IT & AV projects throughout the schools. As an avid high school musical attendee and technology purchaser, she felt compelled to push for and plan out the best options for the Southwest Auditorium upgrades. She's thrilled to be joining the incredible Southwest staff this year and collaborating with the amazing and ambitious students on their musical endeavors.

*** This year we intend on having no fees for participation. A big trip is going to be part of the fun but is not mandatory and we will work on fundraising to cover those optional costs. ***

A look at the upcoming timeline:

Show Choir Auditions: 11/6 & 11/7
4:30-5:30pm
Location: Choir Rm
11/6 - come sing a song! Pop, musical, etc
11/7 - dance; instrumental

Free Pizza Dinner & Conversation: Thurs 11/24
4pm-5:15pm (prior to the Choir concert)
Location: Music Theory Room

Show Choir Major Rehearsals: 12/17 & 12/18
Location: TBD
Music will already be distributed and a few small rehearsals will have taken place

Solo & Ensemble (Preble HS): 2/22/25
Registration deadline 1/25/25 11:59pm

State Solo & Ensemble (UWGB): 5/3/25

Spring Concert - TBD

Fundraise for the trip:

Show Choir Nationals 2025
Nashville, TN - Grand Ole Opry
Viewing the competitions: 3/20-3/22
Total days with travel: 3/19 - 3/23