Trojan Times

November 2024

A monthly newsletter to families

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*

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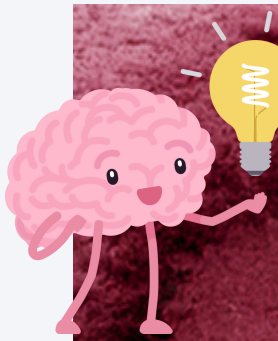
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Upcoming Dates to Know...

Nov. 19: Parent/Teacher Conferences PM
Nov. 23: Booster Club Holiday Craft Sale
Nov. 27: Parent/Teacher Conferences AM
Nov. 27: Newsies ALUMNI Preview
Nov. 27-29: No School: Fall Recess

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

Jan. 2: Class Resumes
Jan. 9: All Choir Concert
Jan. 14, 15, 16: Semester 1 Exams
Jan. 17: No School (Professional Development)
Jan. 20: No School (MLK Jr. Day)
Jan. 28, 29: Cap & Gown Sales



Mental Well-Being Resources

You are important. You matter.
And so does your mental well-being.
Please click the linked resources **HERE** from SW Social Workers, 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.

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart



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





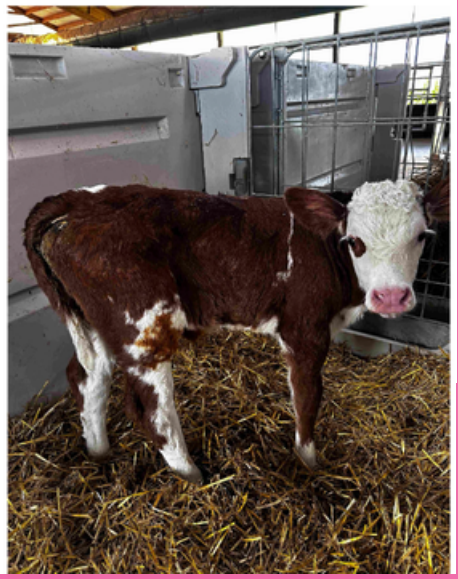


Fall Fest door decorating! Students decorated their advisory room's door.



MEET OUR COW....

WINNIE THE MOO





ID classrooms adapted a cow that's located in Kewaunee! They had a gender-reveal party w/ cupcakes showing PINK inside!





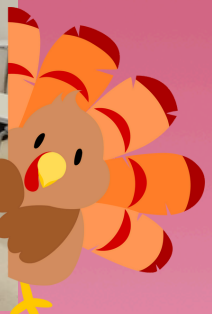
Ms. T's students made origami.



An NWTC teacher came in on his truck and talked about their diesel program. Students got to view the lab materials inside of the truck!



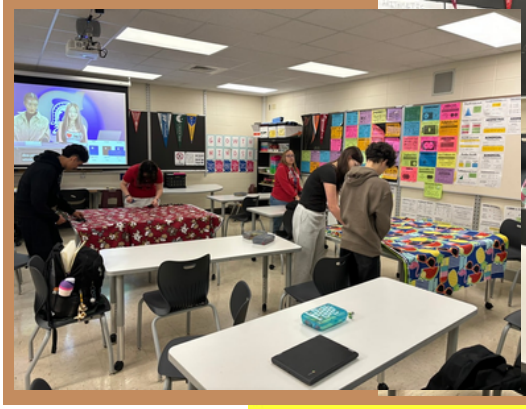




Students completed water testing as part of the Fox River Monitoring Club on Monday, October 14.



Students made tie blankets for those affected by cancer. #StingCancer







In just one hour, our 6 choirs performed 18 songs in 6 languages-all while in costume. It was a memorable night for all!



PE classes participated in their Semi-Annual Trojan 2k. Students run a course around the SW campus.

















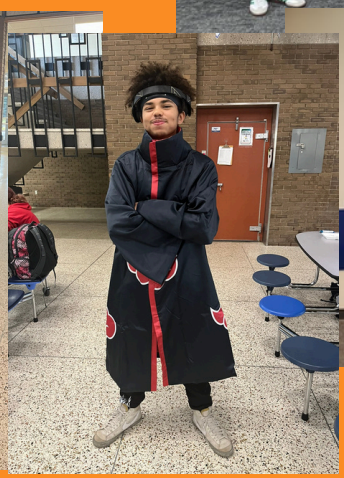


Students & staff dressed up for "Spirit Week."











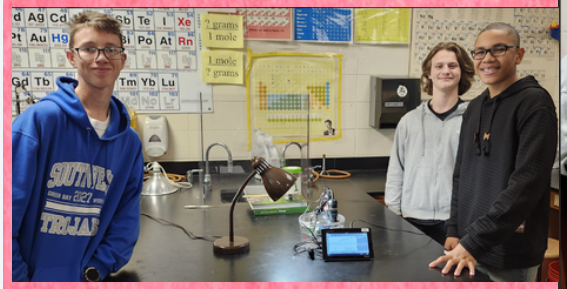
Several staff members participated in "Era Days" during Fall Fest week!

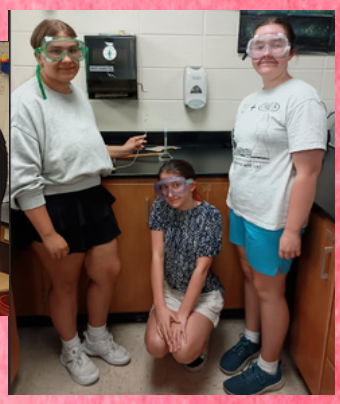
National Silver Team in Poultry Evaluation





Thanks to a generous donation from a SW alumni, SW was able to purchase technology that allowed biology and chemistry students to collect "quantitative" data. It is nice to put a number to the amount of Oxygen in the biochamber and a numerical value to the temperature of the elusive "inner blue flame" of the Bunsen burner.





Spotlights



Lucas De Moulin
Menards Employee of the Month
YA spotlight for November 2024

Lucas works as a customer service and sales representative at Menards. He is in the Marketing industry with a Merchandising pathway. His employer had to say this about him when he was made employee of the month: *"Lucas has exceeded expectations repeatedly in his job performance in almost all categories. He is a great kid, and he's always professional and mature!"*



September Staff Member of the Month

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 October.*

Daniel Horn
Miley Vang
Daniel Stevens
Honor Powless
Tristan Cruz
Addison Wendt
Thomas Jaeger
Atticus Retzak Krump
Shouana Vang
Trinity Mertes
Avontae Martin
Ziah Mangin
Hunter Murdock
Isabella Silva
Brady Ristow
Camron Gegare



October Staff Member of the Month

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

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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?

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Ms. Lisa Schroeder
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Mr. Sonny Soquet
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Email Sonny

Image coming soon

Ms. Lisa Kong
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Mr. Jon Wiegert
*Special Education Lead Teacher
Email Jon
920-272-7222



Ms. Bonnie Baranczyk
School Nurse
Email Bonnie
920-272-7638



Ms. Ma Vang
Registrar
Email Ma

Meet Our New Staff!

Solcrist Swanson
Spanish Interpreter



Notes From the School Nurses

Flu season is coming and there have already been a few reported cases in the United States. Please take a moment to read the attached Newsletter from the nurses for more information on this topic.

English
Spanish

A Note From Principal Whisler...



Academic success along with life experiences prepare students for life after high school. Academic success for high school students is largely measured by both the number of credits that students obtain on their high school graduation path. Accumulating this number of required credits (i.e., 22 credits) is very doable for a Southwest student, especially with their daily schedule that allows for the accumulation of 28 credits over their four-year high school career - that is if a student does NOT take a study hall during that time.

Unfortunately, a number of our students struggle with accumulating the required 22 credits because they are not passing their courses. As of October 4, 2024, the end of the 1st Progress Grading period, 79.76% of Southwest students are passing their courses with D- or better. This statistic is at the center of our school's continuous improvement efforts.

The Southwest staff firmly believe that ALL of our students have the ability to pass ALL of their courses. In other words, we believe that 100% of our students SHOULD be passing 100% of their courses with a D- or better. There are obstacles to achieving 100%, such as, but not limited to: poor student attendance, lack of effort in practice (i.e., homework), activities, and uncertainty of goals past high school. We will continue to monitor this statistic throughout the semester and the school year. We will also adjust our practices throughout the school year to help support our students in passing ALL of their courses. However, we could use your help as parents and guardians.



Involved parents and guardians, at all educational levels including high school, are a primary indicator of student success. A recently updated article by Positive Action provides evidence for the impact that parent/guardian involvement has on student academic success:

- Students with supportive parents [or guardians] are 81% more likely to graduate from high school.
- Students who discuss school courses with their parents [or guardians] have 44% higher odds of attending post-secondary education.
- 57.5% of senior high school students strongly agree that having a strong parental [or guardian] involvement relationship leads to high academic success.
- Students with involved parents [or guardians] have a 98% average school attendance rate, which contributes significantly to academic achievement.

Here's some good news...in our Spring 2024 student survey, 87% of Southwest students indicated that they have a family member or other adult outside of school who they can count on to help, no matter what. We can build on that!

Below are some suggestions, again, recommended by Positive Action, by way of their updated article on parental (and guardian) involvement.



Parent/Guardian Action	Impact On Academic Success
Establishing a routine	Promotes discipline and time management skills
Creating a conducive study environment	Enhances focus and concentration
Setting clear expectations and goals	Motivates and provides direction
Providing educational resources	Supports learning and exploration
Encouraging regular communication with teachers	Facilitates feedback and involvement
Offering praise and recognition for achievements	Boosts confidence and self-esteem
Being involved in school activities	Demonstrates support and interest in education
Cultivating a love for learning	Nurtures curiosity and lifelong learning habits

Thank you for all you do for your student(s). Just by reading this communication you are demonstrating your engagement in your Southwest High School student's academic success.

As always, if you would like to talk further about this topic, and/or have other questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Together we will...
Pursue Learning
Build Confidence
Create Opportunities
Encourage Acceptance
Demonstrate Pride
Inspire Greatness

From the Career Center...

College Visits for FALL 2024

Pilotsmith
Thursday, December 5th
@ 10:45 a.m.
Career Center Conference Room.

COMING SOON

UW Milwaukee
The US Naval Academy
The Marines
University of Minnesota

From Student Services...

The Student Services Calendar of Events has grade-level specific information about upcoming student services related events for families.

Click for Student Services Calendar of Events

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITES

Featured Scholarships

2025 BBB Students of Integrity Scholarship

Hagan Scholarship Foundation

Engineers Foundation of Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin-Madison Alumni Club of Brown County

More information regarding scholarships can be found in the Southwest High School Scholarship document.

Southwest High School Scholarships

SCAN ME

Save the Date

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

Green Bay Schools District Scholarship Guide

From the YES Room...

On October 25th, 12 *YES* students attended the NWTC Preview Day to learn about educational opportunities after high school. Students chose one of four career clusters to explore: Business, Health, Public Safety, or Trades. Students split into groups for a tour that highlighted their chosen area. For many students this was their first time on campus. Overall, students were impressed with what the school has to offer right in our own neighborhood!

A big "yaw^ko" to Oneida Vocational Rehabilitation for facilitating the experience and providing lunch for our students.



SENIORS & EARLY GRADUATES

Yearbook Portraits
Due Nov. 27!

&

Baby Pictures!
Due Dec. 2!

*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.





Cap & Gown Sales
Jan. 28 & 29
During lunch hours

Click to view the fliers for more information:

Cap & Gown Packages

Announcements & Gifts

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

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Guide
Annual Updates for Current Students

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.



Ongoing Southwest Merchandise Sales

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9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

$3.00 ADMISSION (5 & UNDER FREE)
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CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE ALL DAY

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1331 PACKERLAND DRIVE
GREEN BAY, WI

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT SOUTHWEST ATHLETICS

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Click here to order tickets
or scan the QR code!

GREEN BAY SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
DECEMBER 6, 7, 12, 13, & 14 [7PM]

2025

January 25th

GB Southwest
DRESS SALE



Prom, Senior Ball, Homecoming

Sell your Dress(es) or Come Look for a Dress
1331 Packerland Drive - 9AM - 2PM

Visit SW Booster FB Event Page
or email gbswboosterclub@gmail.com

Partnering with Redbirds De Pere Dress Sale - De Pere's Sale **Jan 11th, 2025**
Proceeds between Booster Club & Student Council
Mark Your Calendar Today - Jan 25th, 2025



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