



WEST HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DECEMBER EVENTS

6-8 School Play

9-18 On-Time Challenge

23-31 Winter Recess No School
Classes Resume Jan. 2

Message from the Principal

Dear West Community,

Nearly everyone agrees that a state report card tells only part of a school's story. Unfortunately, it is that part of the story that often becomes the "brand" of a school. Currently, our brand reflects that we are Meeting Expectations. However, in full transparency, West's overall score dropped this year to 64.5.

While this is not the result we hoped for, it provides a clear focus for improvement. As a school, we are committed to regaining those points and striving for even greater achievements in the future. This year, our goals center around three key areas:

1. Reimagining our curriculum through an IB lens to make learning more relevant and engaging for students and families.
2. Using assessment to guide instruction so we can better meet the diverse needs of our learners.
3. Identifying and removing barriers to engagement to ensure every student can thrive.

We understand that state test scores may not always feel like a priority to families, and some students may not see the immediate value in performing well on these exams. However, these scores represent both our students and West High School. Even small improvements can have a significant impact. For instance, a 2-5 point increase in individual scores could elevate our overall rating dramatically.

Upcoming Test Dates

- **Juniors:** ACT in March
- **Sophomores and Freshmen:** Pre-ACT in April

Please encourage your student to give their best effort. How they represent themselves and our school truly matters. Below are some ways that you can help your student prepare for tests.

- Ensure they get ample sleep before testing days.
- Review the testing schedule to ensure they arrive on time.
- Emphasize the importance of doing their best.
- Plan something enjoyable afterward to celebrate their efforts.
- Keep the conversation positive and encouraging!

On behalf of the Administrative Team and West Educators, we wish you a wonderful holiday season!

With Wildcat Pride,

Dexter McNabb, Principal at West High School



Principal McNabb

Holiday Festivities at West

Classroom Door Decorating Contest

During their Advisory periods on December 2nd and 4th, students will work as classes to brainstorm, plan and prepare to decorate their classroom door. This year's theme for our Hall Decorating will be Movies or a specific movie of their choice, which may or may not be holiday related. Students will work together on December 9th, 11th and 13th to decorate their door according to their plan. Judging of the doors will take place on December 16th. Student Council will judge the best, with a reward of cookies and hot cocoa, compliments of Student Council. It is possible that we will have multiple winning doors!



Dress Up Days Before Winter Break

During the week of December 16th-20th, there will be fun pre-holiday dress up days for staff and students. Students should pay attention to announcements to find out the themes for each day. Please encourage your student to join in the fun and earn Spirit Points for their grade. The class with the most spirit points at the end will earn holiday cookies & hot cocoa! These activities are sponsored by West High's Student Council.

Winter Dance

This year's Winter Dance will be held on February 8th, from 7-10 pm at West. Students should make plans to attend this Winter Wonderland dance. Contact Student Council with questions or if you are interested in helping to plan the event.



GREEN BAY WEST HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS

Cinderella

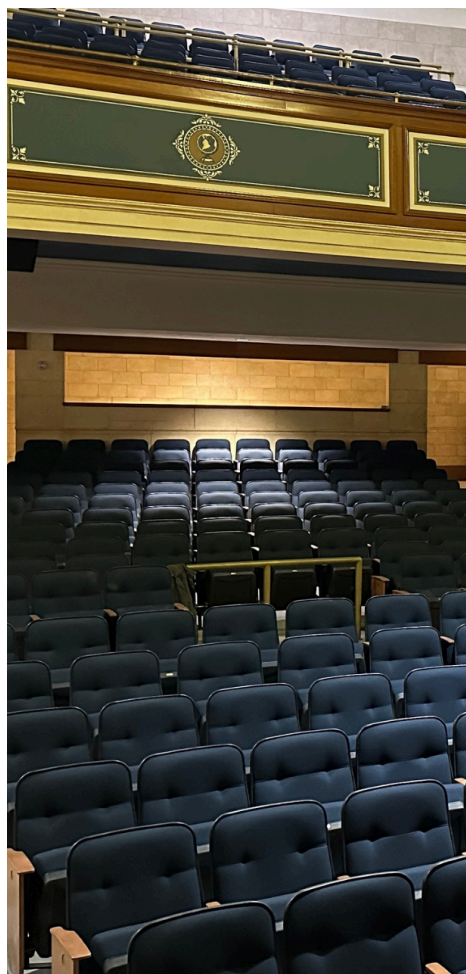
Interested?
Join the Google
Classroom:
kzew25s

Ways to be a part of the magic:

On stage singing or dancing
Backstage moving props
Assisting with set construction, painting and/or
lights & sound
Playing in the pit orchestra
Costumes, hair & make up

Important Dates

- Auditions are December 9th & 10th in choir room 3:15-5:00
 - Materials will be available after Thanksgiving
- Performances on March 16th, 17th & 18th
- See Ms. Smejkal or Ms. Scherer for more information!



You're Invited

To the newly renovated Ralph
Holter Auditorium at West High
School

January 8th, 2025

For a performance featuring our
Bands, Choirs, Orchestra and
dramatic arts students

Choir & Orchestra
5:00 pm

Band
7:00 pm



Progress Grades

The following dates are just a reminder for the end of the current grading period:

- Thursday, January 9th – Online grade entry begins at 7 am
- Thursday, January 16th – End of Grading Period
- Thursday, January 23rd – Online grade entry ends at 7 am

Oral Health Partnership Visit for Students at West

Oral Health Partnership (OHP) will be at West High School on December 16th and 17th, to see students. OHP provides important dental services to students who have ForwardHealth, BadgerCare or no private dental insurance.



Dental services can include teeth cleaning and oral hygiene, dental exam, fluoride treatment, x-rays and general oral screening/education. Please contact West High School at 920-492-2602 or OHP at 920-965-0831 with any questions.



Senior Pictures for the Yearbook

In order for your senior's picture to be included in the yearbook, a digital image must be submitted by January 3, 2025. Please contact Yearbook Advisor Jill Diebold with any questions at jdiebold@gbaps.org.

- Senior photos should be of the student only, no other individuals should be in the picture.
- Picture should be in color and PORTRAIT layout, NOT landscape.
- Send senior pictures to Ms. Jill at jdiebold@gbaps.org.
- We are asking families to also share a baby picture for use at graduation. Please upload to: bit.ly/Senior-Baby-Pic-25



Cap & Gown Ordering

Seniors who measured for their cap and gown during Orientation and did not pay, please bring your payment to Student Services. Checks should be made out to Brickhouse School Services, or pay electronically using Venmo at @Sean-Brick or Cash App \$mrbrickster63. If paying by Venmo or Cash App please include student name and school (GB West HS). In-person cap and gown ordering will take place on Tuesday, February 18th, during all lunch periods in the cafeteria.

HIGHLIGHTS

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GROUPS

Future Educators Association

The Future Educators Association held their first field trip to gain hands-on experience at Chappell Elementary on November 20th. Students helped out in the classroom by being reading buddies, helping students in small groups, or teaching tasks such as cutting templates and making bulletin boards. Our second trip to Chappell will be on December 13th. We will soon be partnering with the Iola-Scandinavia School District Future Educators of America when they visit our school to learn how an IB school functions. Future Educators

has also been working with the District to discuss potential opportunities to develop an Education career pathway for students to take more Dual Credit courses in the education field.

Sting Cancer

Sting Cancer has been working on making fleece tie pillows and Get-Well cards for cancer patients on our Wildcat Days.

WEST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT



TECH ED: BRIDGES CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION

Bridges Construction & Renovation has taken off this school year. We have 20 students spread between the two classes that are building a home sponsored by NeighborWorks of Green Bay. Students are a mix from all four major high schools within the Green Bay Area Public School District. We are currently working at 929 N. Broadway Street in Green Bay, with hopes to start a second location later in the school year. Our classes focus on hands-on learning with real-life applications. Students learn the basics of blueprint reading, laying out walls, drywall, sheeting, roofing, siding, setting windows and doors, as well as finish carpentry. Students also receive credit for three classes through NWTC if they choose to pursue a career in the construction field. So far, students have done a great job constructing the house and are working on drywalling the inside. We also hope to put the siding on the outside before it gets too cold.

The Bridges Construction & Renovation class is open to any student in the District that will be a Junior or Senior next school year. There is an application process, so be sure to talk with your student's counselor and get signed up for a great time on the job learning how to build a house. You can also email the instructor, Chris Ziegler, at cjziegler@gbaps.org, if you have any questions or want to assist our program and the students. Assistance could include a monetary donation or your expertise in the construction field.



WEST STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Tiny Earth Symposium on December 6th

Thirteen female students from Green Bay West High school have joined forces with college students across the state of Wisconsin and around the world to combat the world health crisis of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, including MRSA. These fierce student pioneers have conducted research (The Tiny Earth Project) on antibiotic activity in soil bacteria over the last 16 weeks at UW-Green Bay to fill a critical need to discover new antibiotics. Please attend the free research symposium on December 6th, at Lambeau Field from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn what the group has discovered as we celebrate the research efforts of these amazing students from Green Bay West. Last year's event was attended by more than 600 people from the community and it continues to grow.

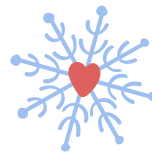
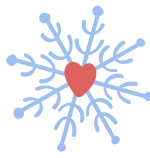
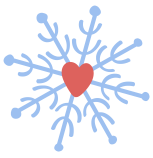
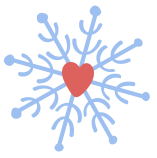
People of all traditions and backgrounds have a vested interest in this global emergency. Please join us as we attempt to inspire and prepare the next generation of scientists and healthcare professionals, while addressing the global health crisis of antibiotic resistance. Everyone is welcome to join, but please register using the link: [Tiny Earth in Titledown 2024](#)

The 13 students from West involved in the Tiny Earth project are Dorcas Bigirimana, Allison Dulanski, Adriana Flores Torres, Nazareth Gonzales Yanez, Marisol Magana, Adriana Moyano, Cecelia Pierquet, Monserrath Sanchez Flores, Adalyn Siharaj, Elizabeth Vera, Isabella Wery Trejo, Dayana Zamora Vazquez and Desahni Thao.

Please reach out if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ms. Merkel (Immerkele@gbaps.org)
and Ms. Gonzales
(bagonzales1@gbaps.org).





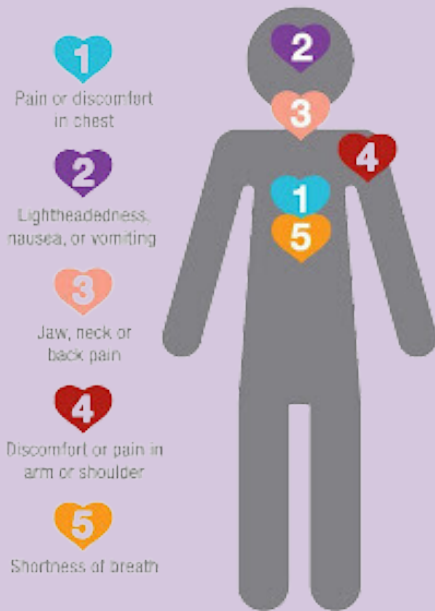
HEART ATTACK DEATHS SPIKE DURING WINTER HOLIDAYS

The American Heart Association urges people to be aware of, and reduce risks for, deadly 'holiday heart attacks.' Studies show weather can increase heart attack risk due to restricted blood flow through constricted vessels caused by cold temperatures. Research also shows that the biggest increases in holiday heart attack deaths are among people who are not in a hospital.



American
Heart
Association.

Common Heart Attack Warning Signs



Learn more at [Heart.org/HeartAttack](https://heart.org/HeartAttack).

- Know the symptoms and take action: Heart attack signs may vary in men and women and it's important to catch them early and call 9-1-1 for help. The sooner medical treatment begins, the better the chances of survival and preventing heart damage.
 - Celebrate in moderation: 'Tis the season for unhealthy changes in diet and higher alcohol consumption. Eating healthfully during the holidays doesn't have to mean depriving yourself, there are still ways to eat smart. Look for small, healthy changes and swaps you can make so you continue to feel your best while eating and drinking in moderation, and don't forget to watch the sodium.
 - Plan for peace on earth and goodwill toward yourself: Make time to take care of yourself during the busy holiday. Reduce stress from family interactions, strained finances, hectic schedules and other stressors that tack on this time of year, including traveling.
 - Keep moving: The American Heart Association recommends at least 150 minutes of physical activity per week and this number usually drops during the holiday buzz. Get creative with ways to stay active, even if it's going for a family walk or another fun activity you can do with your loved ones.
- Stick to your meds: Busy holidays can make way for skipping medications, forgetting them when away from home, or not getting refills in a timely manner. Here is a medication chart to help stay on top of it, and be sure to keep tabs on your blood pressure numbers.

Learn CPR. Save a Life.

You never know when you'll need to save a life. With Faster, Flexible and Quality CPR & First Aid Training, the American Heart Association can help make sure you are ready with a variety of courses designed to prepare you for real life situations. Be the Beat and learn the simple 2 Steps to Save a Life with Hands-Only CPR and learn about how to use an AED with Hands-Only CPR + AED. It could help you save a life. Let us show you how at [Heart.org/HandsOnlyCPR](https://heart.org/HandsOnlyCPR).



THEATRE NEWS

This Year's Fall Play is Featuring an Alternative Venue

"The Show must go on!" is not a cliché for actors and theatre artists this season. As we eagerly but patiently await the upgrades and restoration projects that will make our auditorium an amazing performance space, we have embraced another of our historically beautiful spaces: the Old Library. It will be a more intimate theater experience as seating for each show is limited to eighty, but the action will be up close, and the laughs are non-stop. We hope you can join us for this year's play, *Clue*, on December 5th through the 7th. Performances begin at 7 pm each night.

Admission for Students and Senior Citizens is \$5; General Admission is \$8
Reserve your tickets now by contacting edhinz-radue@gbaps.org.

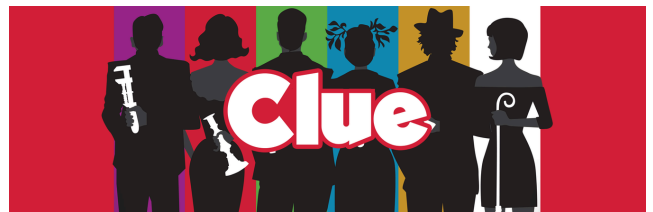
West High's performance of *Clue* is directed by Ellie Hinz-Radue and David Seas.

Cast includes:

- Eddie Schueler (Senior) -- Wadsworth, the driving force in the play
- Cheyanne Dukes (Junior) -- Yvette, the French maid of Boddy manor
- Adela Platz (Junior) -- Miss Scarlett, a sardonic D.C. socialite
- Rayna Sannes (Junior) -- Mrs. Peacock, the wealthy wife of a Senator
- Ruby Snyder (Senior) -- Mrs. White, a five-time, tragically suspicious widow
- Andy Arauz (Junior) -- Colonel Mustard, the pompous and often dense retiree
- Abby Gulczynski (Junior) -- Mr. Green, a timid yet officious rule follower
- Aiden Miller Riesterer (Senior) -- Professor Plum, an academic easily impressed by himself
- Carley Staudenmaier (Senior) -- the Cook, a gruff woman with an assertive presence
- Natalie Podobnik (Junior) -- the Motorist, a professional driver with extremely bad luck
- Riley LeSage (Sophomore) -- Mr. Boddy, a slick, film-noir type of fella & the Cop, Chief's favorite
- Mai Lia Lor (Freshman) -- Singing Telegram Girl, a dancer with a heart of gold
- Savannah Schmidt (Freshman) -- the Chief of Police
- Laura Evans (Senior) -- the Stage Manager, a superior Dramaturg and Master of Clues
- Amanda VandeWalle (8th grade) -- Newscaster Stage Right, a glamorous and intrepid reporter
- Leah VandeWalle (8th grade) -- Newscaster Stage Left, a glamorous and intrepid reporter

Crew includes:

- Alexis Weller-Titus (Junior) Sound Board
- Jonathan Seymour (Senior) Spotlight & Foley
- Rylee Alberts (Senior) Spotlight & Foley
- Cristal Monge Davila (Senior) Spotlight & Foley



rehearsal has been taking place in the Old Library for several weeks



ON-TIME CHALLENGE

for parents & students



Make sure your
child gets to
school on time
for a chance
to win!



Normal Schedule

- 7:00 - Doors 1 & 9 Open & Breakfast Served
- 7:25 - Door 9 Locks, Entry Only at Door 1
- 7:30 - Students expected to be
in class and ready to learn
- 3:05 - End of School Day/Final Bell

Students with no tardies for 1st period classes
from December 9th-18th will earn an entry
for their parent into our Tardy Raffle.
20 names will be drawn on December 20th.

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CAP & GOWN

ORDER INFORMATION

All seniors to wear a cap & gown for their Graduation Ceremony

COMPLETE PACKAGE

\$35

◆ PACKAGE INCLUDES:

CAP, GOWN, CORD, & TASSEL

◆ NOT INCLUDED:

ADDITIONAL ITEMS
SUCH AS YEAR DATE TASSELS AND BLING TASSELS
CAN BE PURCHASED INDIVIDUALLY
AT AN ADDITIONAL COST



Year Date Tassel
\$8



Bling Tassel
\$15

ONLINE ORDERING DETAILS

Order by Sunday, December 29, 2024

Go to: <https://buildagrad.com/greenbaywesths>

All orders will ship to school, and arrive in time for Graduation Day

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In School Colors
\$8.00 each
QUANTITY

\$35.00
Small to XXX
SIZE

In School Colors
\$15.00 each
QUANTITY

WILDCAT TASSEL
\$15.00 each

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- Mail a copy of this flyer with *full payment* to: **Brickhouse School Services, 1000 Rolling Green Dr, Green Bay, WI 54313**
- Credit card, cash, money orders, *venmo @sean-brick*, or personal check made out to: "Brickhouse School Services"
- Orders will be delivered to school.

Questions?

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Email brickhouse007@new.rr.com

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STREET ADDRESS _____ APT. NUMBER _____

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