Trojan Times

2025

January 2025

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*

Social Workers:

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

Attendance:
920-492-2653

Main Office:
920-492-2650

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

Athletics & Activities
920-492-2734

Upcoming Dates to Know...

Jan. 14, 15, 16: Semester 1 Exams
Jan. 17: No School (Professional Development)
Jan. 20: No School (MLK Jr. Day)
Jan. 23: College Goal Event
Jan. 23: The Lion King @ PAC
Jan. 28, 29: Cap & Gown Sales *(lunch hours)*

Feb. 7: No School (Professional Development)
Feb. 22: District Solo & Ensemble (Vocal)
Feb. 28: (AM) Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb. 28: No School

Mar. 1: District Solo & Ensemble (Instrumental)
Mar. 6, 11: (PM) Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mar. 13: Swing Fling Band Concert
Mar. 18: Make a Difference Choir Concert
Mar. 24-28: No School (Spring Recess)
Mar. 31: School Resumes

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.

HAPPY New Year

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



AVID classes made holiday cards for Meals on Wheels.



FBLA holiday celebration



As part of their coursework, the students of Illustrator Fundamentals created new emojis. See if you can determine the meaning of each.

Answers:
Row 1: Ninja Turtle, Goth Girl, Unamused, Uh Oh!, Stress Eating, Embarrassed Kitty, Smarty Cat.
Row 2: Zapped, Mixed Emotions, Megalodon, Chill Guy, Bright Idea, Studious, Trippy Ghost.
Row: 3: What Now?, Necromancy, Big Chicken, Loving Blush, Knight Reaper, Help!!!





AVID 9 class made ornaments for a local nursing home.

Help you and your family stay healthy this winter by reading these healthy winter habits created by our nurses.

CLICK HERE TO ORDER YOUR 2025 YEARBOOK OR USE THE QR CODE!

Spotlights

2025



Zach Dennis
Green Bay Area Public School District
Youth Apprenticeship Spotlight

"Zach is always learning and is open to feedback. Zach works hard and is quick to complete tasks. Additionally, Zach works well with his team, communicates clearly, and is self-aware."



December 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 December.*

Maxim Moravetz
Ruwaydiya Dahir
Jacob Richardson
Anna Beattie
Esmeralda Martinez
Melanie Brien
Rohia Hakimi
Hannah Dunlap
Theresa Gelhar
Aiden Richardson
Demianna Kaquatosh
Rayna Williams
Perla Ramos
Caitlin Mellberg
Trever Kelsey
Maya Wallenfang



Dylan Deppe auditioned and was accepted into the 132D Army National Guard band! Dylan is 1 of only 3 high schoolers in Wisconsin to have passed the audition in the last 20 years, putting him in the top 5% of high school auditionees in the country!



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

2025

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
Email Tori



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



Ms. Melissa Hovanick-Larson
Career Center Coordinator
Email Melissa
920-492-2652



Ms. Lisa Schroeder
Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator
Email Lisa
920-873-3057



Mr. Sonny Soquet
Career Coach - NWTC
Email Sonny

Image coming soon

Ms. Lisa Kong
Career Coach - UWGB
Email Lisa
920-518-3767

Student Services

Phone Number: 920-492-2652



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



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. Elizabeth Mueller
School Counselor
Student Support M-R & Z
Email Elizabeth
920-492-2717



Ms. Kaitlyn Stollberg
School Psychologist
Email Kaitlyn
920-481-9474



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



Ms. Ma Vang
Registrar
Email Ma

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW SCHEDULE CHANGE PROCESS

Starting January 2, 2025, students will use a Google Form to request a schedule change for their second semester classes. In person and email requests will not be accepted. The form will remain open until January 27, 2025. We encourage students to enter requests promptly.

Schedule Change Policy
Link

Link Google Form
(Students only have access)
Form

MEET OUR NEW STAFF!

Sarah Swift
Human Geography

Marie Ayotte
Library Clerical

Heidi Lasille
Multilingual

Rianna Vargas
DHH Itinerant

A Note From Principal Whisler...

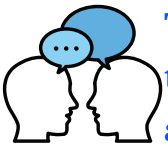
Southwest High School's motto is, "Together We Will..." As I think of this and how it extends to student caregiver involvement (i.e., parents and guardians), there is another expression that is relevant..."It takes a village to raise a child."



Sometimes, I feel, our world loses that sense of a "village;" we lose sight of that idea of working together to ensure the success of a young person. The Southwest High School community, however, is striving to ensure that we live that belief of working together towards success; then turning that belief into collective action for student benefit.

This week marks the end of the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year. It's a time where I look at the data - student attendance, grades, behavior referrals, etc. - and look at how we can make things better for the second semester. With this in mind, I'd like to take this opportunity to *challenge you, those parents and guardians reading this month's Trojan Times - the regularly engaged parents and guardians* - to influence those other Southwest High School parents and guardians that you come into contact with.

Here are some strategies to consider:



Talk to your friends about all the events that are happening at Southwest High School;



Attend a SW event, music department event, or informational session with your student and invite the family of one of your student's friends;



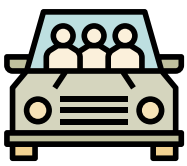
Tell another parent/guardian how you check your student's Infinite Campus and/or Canvas parent portal to see their grades and attendance;



Forward this newsletter to another parent/guardian of a Southwest High School student;



Encourage and host a study group for your student and their friends before an exam;



Offer a ride to school for a neighbor that might struggle with getting to school on time.

Any action you can take to share how you stay connected to your student's education will only benefit other families and students. Please...take a moment to have a conversation with someone in your network about how you stay connected with Southwest High School and how you stay informed about your student's success (behavior, social, academic, and attendance). Any little bit will help!

SENIORS & EARLY GRADUATES 2025

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



Click below for more information:

- Cap & Gown Packages
- Announcements & Gifts

CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION
SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025 | 4 P.M.
KRESS CENTER, UWGB

COLLEGE GOAL WISCONSIN

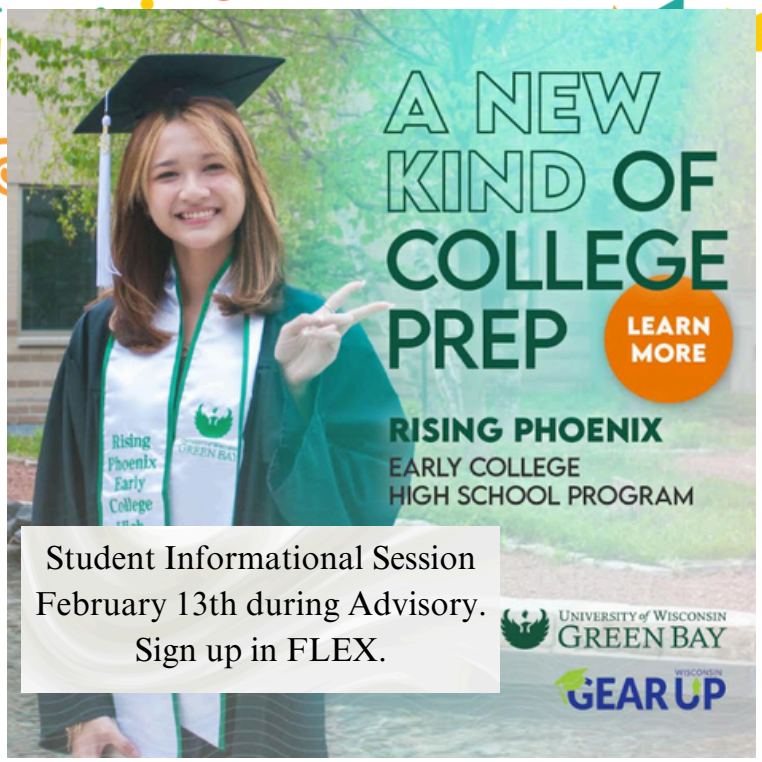
Need Help with the Financial Aid Application?
Join us
January 23, 2025
Southwest High School
Library Media Center
6-8 p.m.



DUE MARCH 14

*Only students with a GBAPS email are able to access the Google Form.

Complete your Diploma Information Form by clicking here!



Student Informational Session
February 13th during Advisory.
Sign up in FLEX.



December 1, 2024 - March 15, 2025
GGBCF.org/getstarted

January 15 - April 1, 2025
CollegeReadyWI.org/Scholarships

Greater Green Bay Community Foundation
good grows here

CollegeReady
scholarships and programs to get you there

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

SAVE THE DATES: SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

Session 1: June 16 - July 18

**No school June 19 & July 2-4*

Session 2: July 21 - August 15



GBAPS Infinite Campus –

NEW Absence Request Tool

The new Absence Request tool is available for parents & guardians who have an Infinite Campus Parent Portal account, to notify your school in advance when your student will be absent. When the request is processed by the school, student attendance is automatically updated.

*For more about this new tool, please view the attached information in **English** or **Spanish**. Please contact your school's attendance office with any questions. Parents without a Parent Portal account can contact Central Registration at (920) 448-2001 or the Help Desk at (920) 448-2148.*

Ongoing Southwest Merchandise Sales



Show off your Southwest Pride & purchase apparel, backpacks, hats, accessories and so much more! Orders can be placed at any time and are shipped directly to you!

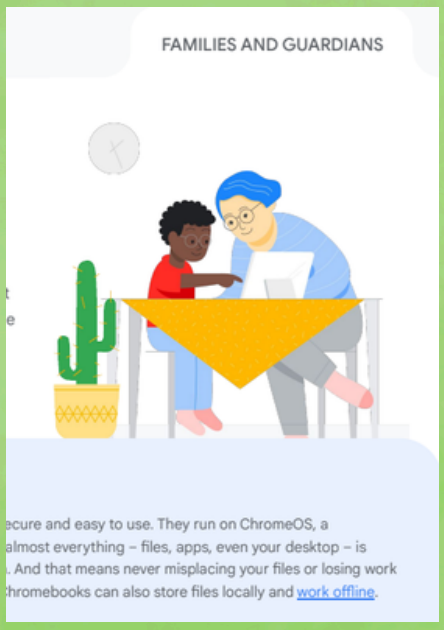
Click here to order your merch!

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

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Guide
Annual Updates for Current Students

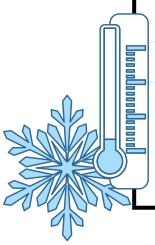
Log In	Log into Campus Portal using your user name and password. If you do not have a username and password, please contact the Help Desk at 920-448-2148 or servicedesk@gbaps.org to set up a Campus Parent Portal account. • To gain access to the Parent Portal, you must provide the District with your student's 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.



Chromebooks & Stickers
- Can students place a sticker on their student issued device?

The Department of Technology supports customizing cases; however, stickers should not be placed on student devices.



Brrr... It's cold outside! Chromebooks must come inside.
Make sure your student brings their Chromebook inside from your vehicle each night. Extreme temperatures may damage the assigned device. Remember that it is the students' responsibility to bring their assigned Chromebook to school each day and use it responsibly.



Northeast Wisconsin

Youth Apprenticeship Night

at NWTC

Learn more about the opportunities with the Youth Apprenticeship Program:

Who Should Attend?

Sophomore and Junior students interested in learning more about the Youth Apprenticeship program.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend with their students.

When?

Monday, February 3rd

Where?

NWTC Green Bay Campu
Student Center SC130
Enter at Door 9

AGENDA

5:45pm - Check In Begins
6:00pm - NEWYA Presentation
6:30pm - NWTC Presentation
6:45pm - Panel Discussion
7:15pm - Campus Tours

Northeast Wisconsin YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP

Register Here:

or click this link to register

2025

table talk

DINNER AND DISCUSSION
ON TEEN AND PRETEEN WELL-BEING

JAN 30, 5:30PM

Table Talk is a FREE event for parents to support parents in reducing stigma around mental health. Join us to connect with other parents and learn about strategies to support a young person's mental well-being.

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC)
300 S ADAMS ST • GREEN BAY

REGISTER BY JAN 23
https://www.signupgenius.com

Brown County Coalition for suicide prevention
https://bccfsp.org

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

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

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.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF Public Instruction

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