Trojan Times

March 2025

A monthly newsletter for 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

Social Workers:

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

Counselors:

Last Names A-E: *Amanda Millan*
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Main Office:
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Student Services:
(Counselors/ Student Records):
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Athletics & Activities
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UPCOMING DATES TO KNOW...

Mar. 24-28: No School (Spring Recess)
Mar. 31: School Resumes

Apr. 12: Junior Prom
Apr. 18: No School (Floating Holiday)
Apr. 18: Senior Graduation Questionnaire Due
Apr. 23, 24: No School (Recess Days)
Apr. 25: No School (Conference Conversion Day)

May 3: Senior Ball (@ Thornberry Creek)
May 23: No School (Professional Development)
May 26: No School (Memorial Day)
May 29: Last day for Seniors
May 31: Class of 2025 Graduation (@ the Kress Center)

Jun. 3, 4: Semester Exams (A.M.), Asynchronous Instruction (P.M.)
Jun. 5: Semester Exams (A.M.), Teacher Workday (P.M.)
Jun. 5: Last Day of School

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.

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

Sources of Strength held JingleFest where students met for an afternoon of games, music and snacks.



Environmental Science students toured NEW Water as part of their Drinking Water and Wastewater Unit.

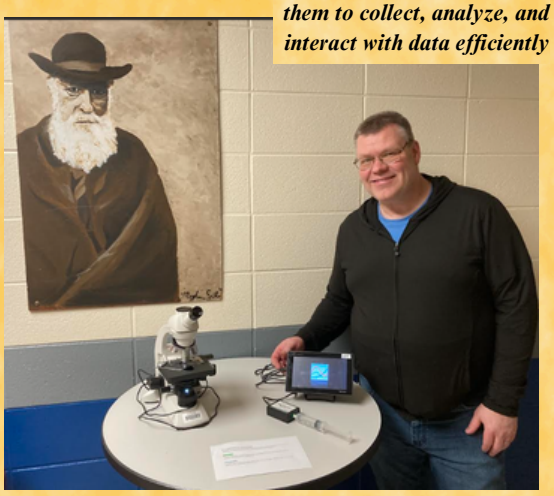




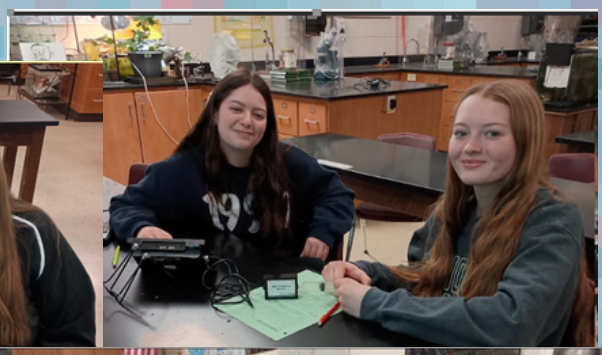
Sam Van Erem competed in the Braille Challenge and took 1st place at the Junior Varsity level in Wisconsin.

Mr. Sebranek was having fun using a Lab Quest 03.

Science Fact: The LabQuest 3 is a standalone, versatile data-logging solution for STEM students, allowing them to collect, analyze, and interact with data efficiently









Students testing Boyle's Law in Science class.

Science Fact: Boyle's law states that when the temperature of a given mass of confined gas is constant, the product of its pressure and volume is also constant.





After FEA's Field Trip to UWGB to discover what's needed to become a certified teacher, the FEA held a Bake Sale to raise funds to honor our SW Teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.





Spotlights

Northeast Wisconsin YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP

Woodside Senior Communities



Eliana Gonzalez

Southwest High School

Hightlights of work

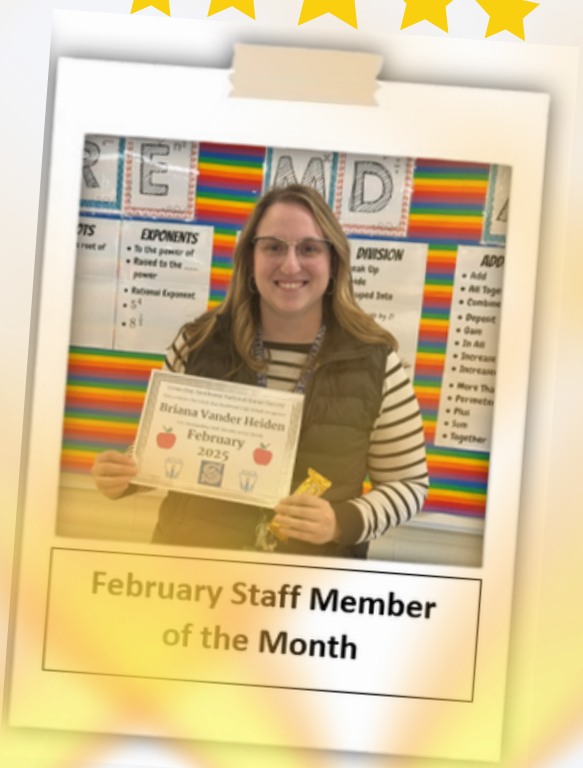
"Eliana is doing very well. Memory care is a challenging but rewarding population to work with. Eliana is open to feedback, has a positive attitude, and has a soft approach that is received well by the residents. Additionally, she stays active in all her duties and ensures that she completes them."

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

presented by the National Honor Society

Every month, 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 are celebrated. The below students have been nominated by a staff member for February.

Kyle Patterson
Lyric Kendricks
Carleigh Widell
Sadie Ruelle
Trey Meadows
Joseph Silva
Jacobi Wisneski
Emmett Meierbachtol
Andrew Massey
Mai Phuong Trinh
Mohamad Almohamad
Kiara Boll
Hunter Murdock
Maddie Beres
Amy Lopez-Mejia
Olin Jaeger
Kaden Lohman
Mikaila (Mika) Walker



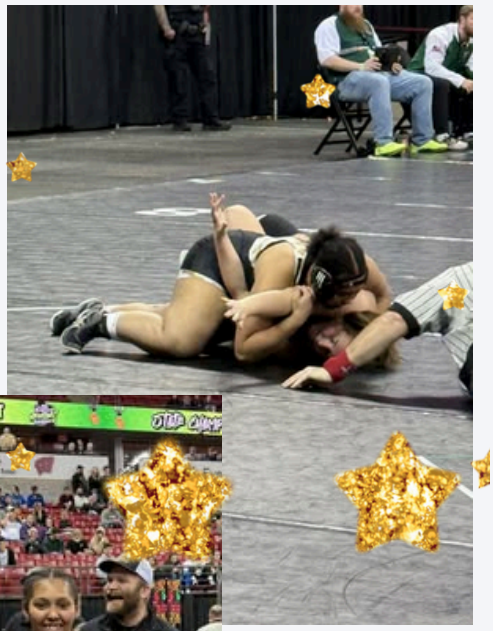
ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

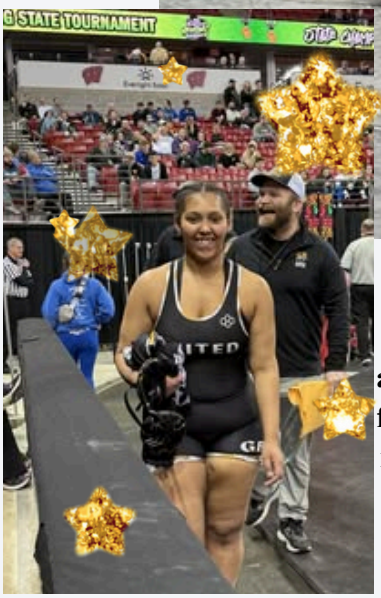


Congratulations to our VARSITY QUARTERBACK, Daniel Stevens, on his invitation to play at the 2025 Hawaii Tiki Bowl. He will play along other high school all-stars under the direction of college coaches.



NATIONAL HISTORY DAY members competed in the Regional National History Day Competition at UWGB under the guidance of Mr. Krings. 26 students advanced to the state competition in Madison on May 3rd! Read the blog post by clicking here.





GBU VARSITY WRESTLING

Southwest student-athlete Kyla Brasier finished with a top 8 ranking at the state tournament. Great job by a 1st-year wrestler!

ESPORTS team competed in the D1 Wisconsin State Championship for Mario Kart at Madison College on Saturday. Our team took 4th place in the state!

Players: Lance Courtney, Evelyn Lohman, Kaden Lohman, Noah McKenzie, Perla Ramos, Ricardo Ramos, Michael Richmond, Rayna Williams and Jacobi Wisneski and dedicated coaches: Patrick Neveau, Efren Zurita, and Staci Rubenzer.





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

Want to connect with school administration?
Please call the Main Office to see if the principal/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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Email Mike



Mr. Chris Williams
Athletic & Activities Director
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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



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Career Center Coordinator
Email Melissa
920-492-2652

Image coming soon

Ms. Lindsay Allen
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Mr. Sonny Soquet
Career Coach - NWTC
Email Sonny

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Ms. Lisa Kong
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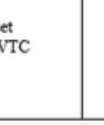
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Mr. Sonny Soquet
Career Coach - NWTC
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Ms. Ma Vang
Registrar
Email Ma

Notes from the Nurse

There is a direct correlation between screen time and near-sightedness. View the attached Notes from the Nurse to learn more.

English
Spanish

MEET OUR NEW STAFF!

Brock Weaver
Phy. Ed Long-Term Substitute

Dimitri DaMommio
Science Long-Term Substitute

Lindsay Allen
Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator



A Note From Principal Whisler...

Across the ages, or at least since the 80's and 90's when I was a student, high school students have looked forward to their week off in early Spring for break. (Let's be honest...many adults still value the time away from their regular commitments.) It is well deserved time away to rejuvenate and reset as we go into the last few months of the school year.

Many engaged high school students are very busy during their break. As students get older, they take on jobs and have to balance that with their schoolwork commitment. Additionally, over 50% of our Southwest High School students participate in some sort of co-curricular, which adds additional commitments to them. With all of this going on, finding time to "just be" can be difficult.

This upcoming Spring Break, March 24th through March 28th, my hope is that all of the Southwest High School community families are able to find some time to simply be together. Plain and simple... spend time with members of your family (or other loved ones) and reconnect with each other. Allow time to go for a walk, sit in the recliner, travel to a loved one's house, or just sleep in. All of this will be good for you and your student's well-being (socially, physically, and mentally).



And...I would love pictures! If anyone has pictures to share of their Spring Break activities, feel free to send them to me. It is always fun to see what our students are up to outside of the school day!

EMAIL YOUR PICTURES TO MR. WHISLER AT
mbwhisler@gbaps.org

Enjoy your Spring Break together. Be safe if you are traveling. I look forward to hearing good stories from everyone. And we'll see you again on Monday, March 31st.



From Student Services...



A Cap & Gown must be worn to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Please stop in the Main Office with $35 cash or check* to purchase.

**Checks should be made out to: Brickhouse*

Click to order Announcements & Gifts





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

ADORNMENT REQUESTS

Students wanting to adorn their graduation attire must receive approval from the high school principal. The District requires that the dress and grooming of students at the graduation ceremony are within the limits of Board of Education policy.
Please click here to access the Adornment Request Form.

Stay up to date with graduation information:
https://southwest.gbaps.org/academics/graduation

DUE APRIL 18

Click here to complete the 2025 Senior Graduation Questionnaire with the necessary information for the Graduation Slideshow.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITES

Featured Scholarships

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

- Downtown Green Bay Kiwanis Club
- Robert L.. Schnell Scholarship
- Southwest High School Student Council
- Ab Nicholas Scholarship
- Delta Kappa Gamma Hardie-Flanigan Rueppel Scholarship

Green Bay Schools District Scholarship Guide

Southwest High School Scholarships

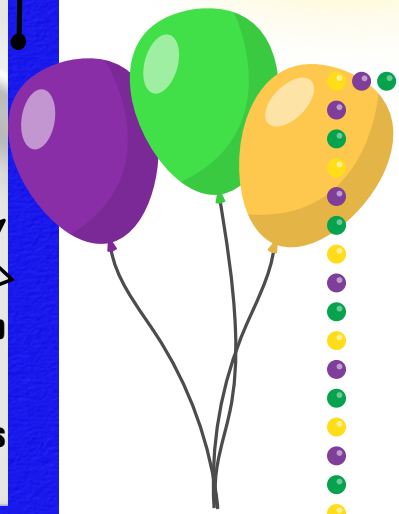
SCAN ME

Save the Date

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

CLICK HERE TO ORDER YOUR 2025 YEARBOOK

ORDER NOW



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

9TH GRADE PLANNING CONFERENCE

NOW - April 11, 2025

The Southwest High School Counseling Team would like to invite families and guardians to set up a 9th grade Individual Student Planning Conference. The purpose of the planning conference is to discuss your student's comprehensive 4-year plan and future goals. The counseling team looks forward to meeting with you and your student to help support their individual future goals.

Please email Jennifer Anderson at jsanderson1@gbaps.org to set up your meeting.

Parent Letter

ISP Doc

TUTORING: BY STUDENTS, FOR STUDENTS

FOR ANYONE INTERESTED

Student Tutoring by NHS students is now available to sign up for. It will be held during advisory on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**

You can sign up for tutoring in core classes:

- Math - Science - Social Studies - English -

If interested, you can sign up for sessions named "Tutoring" in flex. We will meet in Room 2230.

Esports Highlight!

The two other Esports team had an excellent winter season competing in Rocket League & Fortnite. The Rocket League team ended their season with a 5-9 record, the team consisted of Raymond Arrozal, Wyatt Ouradnik, Joseph Silva, and Alex Salas. The Fortnite team racked up enough points in the season to compete in the online Wisconsin High School Esports Association (WIHSEA) State Competition. Though they did not clinch a victory, they had a great season. This team consisted of Mason Clark, Wyatt Demeny, Nakoa DeLaTorre, Wyatt Ouradnik, and Dennis Xiong.



ATTENTION CLASS OF 2029!

Incoming 9th Grade Orientation

Family Event
SWHS Auditorium
April 9th, 2025
Doors open at 5:30pm
Presentation to begin promptly at 6 p.m.

- Learn about high school academics
- Check out our many athletics, clubs & extracurriculars
- Tour our school
- Q&A with current staff and students

WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU!

Bellin College

Healthcare Academy

College Rigor, Career Readiness, and Connections

The Bellin Healthcare Academy is a program by Bellin College for students interested in a career in all healthcare fields. The program offers college courses (in our high schools and at Bellin College), career exploration, mentoring, and work-based learning.

Obtain more information in the links below.

BHA - INFO FOR STUDENTS
BHA FLYER (ENGLISH)
BHA FLYER (SPANISH)

SCREENAGERS

GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE EDITION



The **Green Bay Area Public School District**, the **Boys and Girls Club**, and the **Brown County Library** are hosting community-wide informational forums and discussions on the impacts of the digital age on children and how to help them minimize harmful effects and find balance around screen time.

Join us for a screening of **"Screenagers: Growing Up In The Digital Age"** or **"Screenagers: Elementary School Age Edition."** Film captions are available in Spanish. The event is free and open to the public.

GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

SHOWING ONE

WHERE: Edison Middle School, Auditorium (442 Alpine Dr)
WHEN: Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

SHOWING TWO

WHERE: West High School, Old Library (966 Shawano Ave)
WHEN: Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE EDITION

SHOWING ONE

WHERE: West Side Boys & Girls Club (311 S Oneida St.)
WHEN: Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

SHOWING TWO

WHERE: Brown County Library Central Branch (515 Pine St.)
WHEN: Saturday, April 12, 2025, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

SHOWING THREE

WHERE: East Side Boys & Girls Club (1451 University Ave.)
WHEN: Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

LEARN MORE

Green Bay Area Public School District — Engagement. Equity. Excellence.

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay — A Bay & Lakes Region Club

Brown County Library

Join us for an informational forum, discussion & a screening of "SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age."



ENJOY SUMMER AT UW-GREEN BAY!

University of Wisconsin Green Bay — Camps & Youth Programming

All programs are facilitated by UW-Green Bay faculty, student interns, and content experts on variety of subjects including, STEM-based offerings, Youth Empowerment, Leadership, Cultural Heritage, Computer Science, Theater, Music, and more!

Many scholarships available for those that qualify!
Contact us to learn more.

¡Todos los programas son facilitados por profesores de la universidad de Wisconsin de Green Bay, estudiantes internos y expertos en una variedad de temas, incluyendo las ofertas basadas en STEM, empoderamiento de los jóvenes, liderazgo, patrimonio cultural, atletismo, informática, teatro, música y más!

Muchas becas estan disponibles para aquellos que reúnan los requistos; contáctenos para más información.



REGISTER/REGISTRO:

Programs for youth entering 4-12th
Programas para jóvenes de los grados 4-12

DISCLAIMER: THIS ORGANIZATION, PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOR IS IT A SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITY. THE DISTRICT DOES NOT APPROVE, SUPPORT OR ENDORSE THE INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN THIS DOCUMENT OR THIS PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY.

2025 OFFERINGS

- CAMP LLOYD
- WIZARD ACADEMY
- LEADGB: GIRLS
- LEADGB: BOYS
- INTRO TO DESIGN TECH
- INTRO TO ONSHAPE
- AQUATIC ROBOTICS
- CODING CONTRAPTIONS
- SIDS WORKSHOP
- EXPLORE NATURAL WORLD (ONEIDA NATION)
- EINSTEIN DESIGN INC
- I'M BOARD GAMES
- ANIMATION EXPLORATION
- MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT CAMP
- MACHINE LEARNING CAMP
- STAGEHAND CAMP
- ESPORTS
- VIDEO GAME PROGRAMMING



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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"

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.

Or click the following link: Internet Discount Finder

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

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

DPI recently announced Summer EBT funds for summer 2025.

Summer EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) is a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) benefit program and in Wisconsin is a partnership between the Wisconsin Departments of Health Services (DHS) and Public Instruction (DPI). Summer EBT (S-EBT) is an income-based program that helps eligible families buy food for their children during the summer when nutritious school meals are not always available.

In summer 2024, families received a one-time lump sum $120 in benefits on EBT cards for each child who qualified.
Summer 2025 fund amount is TBD by the USDA.
Families can use these benefits anywhere that FoodShare benefits are accepted, like most grocery stores, many convenience stores, and some farmer's markets.
Children should continue to access the free summer meal program in addition to S-EBT.
There is strict eligibility criteria for students/families to receive S-EBT funds, see details below.

Resources:
DPI website with information: Summer EBT | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
S-EBT Application: https://wisconsin.summerebtapp.com
S-EBT Benefit Management (for primary guardians only): Summer EBT Benefit Management

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.*

General questions or questions on eligibility, please contact your students Social Worker.

Janine Walch (last name alpha A-L)
Anna VanSchyndel (last name alpha M-Z)

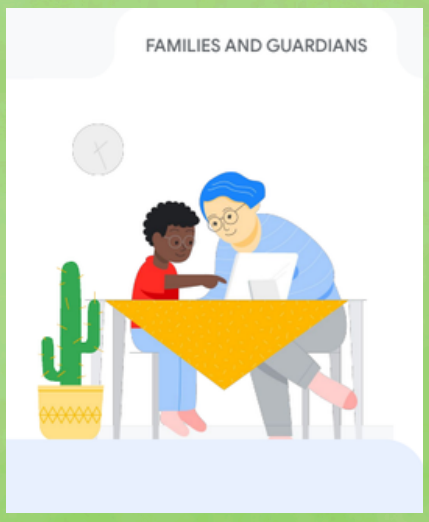
Infinite Campus Parent Portal Guide
Annual Updates for Current Students

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.

Order Southwest Merch!

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!

