Trojan Times





May 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*

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920-492-2653

Main Office:
920-492-2650

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

Athletics & Activities
920-492-2734

UPCOMING DATES TO KNOW...

May 23: No School (Professional Development)
May 26: No School (Memorial Day)
May 29: Last day for Seniors
May 30: Graduation Practice
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.), Last Day of School

Seniors: See page 7 for additional important dates.

Grades 9, 10, 11: See page 5 for the semester exam schedule and early school dismissal times.

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.





Art Classes hosted the sculpture professor from UW-Whitewater. Four different classes were able to see and hear the process of casting with molten aluminum.

Sabawoon is pictured below with Mr. Engebos and Mrs. Beres holding his replica creation of one of his favorite childhood games, Ludo. He utilized many areas of the CTE programs to create it, including Business Ed. and Tech Ed.







Students and staff helped raised money for Altursa Hospitality House on the annual Wear Yellow Day Event.





Junior and Senior students who are interested in going into a trades field had the opportunity to go on a field trip to the Operating Engineers Local 189 Training Facility.



(Right) On Earth Day, several YES students took advantage of Ms. Rubenzer's paper-making activity in the Library.



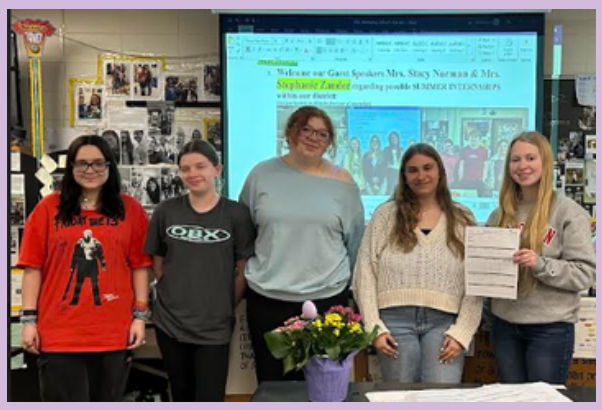
GBAPS Nurses Jane and Bonnie were at the WASN conference in Madison and had the opportunity to speak with legislators about Medicaid funding.





YES students and staff came out to walk the track in support of Autism Awareness at Southwest and everywhere!





District Curriculum Coordinator, Mrs. Stephanie Zander, visited our "Future Educators" to offer Summer School Internships for young, aspiring teachers.



YES students participated in the Oneida Health Center's annual Career Fair, where they explored the various career opportunities that the Health Center has to offer!

SW math teachers participated in Spirit Week, *Rhyme Without Reason*.
MOM (Mrs. Weeks), PROM (Mrs. VanderHeiden), & CALM (Mrs. Hunker)





Congratulations to our 35 new National Honor Society members and our Seniors who were honored for their outstanding contributions during their time at SW!







Selected students attended Trees for Tomorrow and learned survival skills.

Former SW students from the Class of 1982 attended the opening reception and dedication of the Patrick O'Brien Art Gallery and had the honor of seeing former teacher, O.B., again!



Metro Math Team medal winners
Pictured left to right: Sampson Retzak Krump (4th place), Will Valliere (4th place X2), Aaron George (1st place, 2nd place X2, 4th place), Atticus Retzak Krump (2nd place X2, 3rd place, 5th place)
In addition, Aaron and Atticus earned spots on the 1st Team All Metro by scoring in the top 10 out of 260 competitors this year!





In Science, students were studying the work energy theorem and the slish sloshing from one form of energy to another.

Spotlights

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 April.

Corbin Dennis
Monserrat Padilla-Veliz
Mason Hermes
Carter Ninham
Justus Doran
Jowell Escalera
Nolan Cornelius
Lucia Suarez
Pearl Vang
Gabby Valle Dunbar
Reese Rodall
Luna Jensen
Tatianna Kaquatosh
Alivia Newton
Van Lai
Amnobe Negena
Elliot Young
Kevon Darby



April Staff Member of the Month



Congratulations to music educator Brandon Rockstroh for being recognized by the Recording Academy and GRAMMY Museum for the 2026 Music Educator Award™. A total of 200 music teachers from 180 cities have been announced as quarterfinalists and 214 legacy applicants will also be eligible to win the award this year. 🎶

🎵 Read more about the award nomination: https://ow.ly/foyA50VNV2e

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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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
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Image coming soon

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Image coming soon
Mr. Nerf Udoekong
Career Coach - NWTC
Email Nerf

Image coming soon


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Ms. Bonnie Baranczyk
School Nurse
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920-272-7638


Ms. Ma Vang
Registrar
Email Ma

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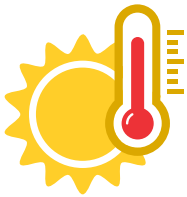
2024-2025 Final Exam Schedule ~ Semester 2

Grades 9, 10, 11

Tuesday, June 3	Wednesday, June 4	Thursday, June 5
Period 1 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Period 3 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Period 8 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Period 2 9:10 a.m.-10:40 a.m.	Period 7 9:10 a.m.-10:40 a.m.	Period 6 9:10 a.m.-10:40 a.m.
Period 4 10:50 a.m.-12:20 p.m.	Period 5 10:50 a.m.-12:20 p.m.	***Dismissal is 10:40 a.m.***
Dismissal is 12:20 p.m. followed by asynchronous learning	***Dismissal is 12:20 p.m. followed by asynchronous learning***	

- Cafeteria breakfast will be served all three days.
- Cafeteria lunch is offered during the scheduled lunch period. If their period doesn't have lunch scheduled that day, a grab-&-go is available for purchase at the end of each day.
- Students are expected to be in their classroom for the exam period and to remain in their classroom. Students will be either taking an exam or completing an extension of learning activity during the exam period.
- Yellow bus transportation will align with the early release schedule on June 3, 4, and 5.

A Note From Principal Whisler...



The weather is finally warmer! Spring has arrived and it is a reminder of the upcoming transition of Summer Break, where students will spend time outside of school.

This summer, Southwest High School will be busy hosting summer school and preparing for the upcoming school year. Students will be learning, conditioning for their upcoming athletic seasons, and checking off some of those requirements towards graduation. Staff will be reviewing district curriculum, setting goals for the upcoming school year, and participating in professional learning to grow their professional practice.

Oh...and there will be construction. Who could forget "construction season" in Wisconsin? Our gymnasium will have a different feel to it in September when students return - new paint, scoreboard, bleachers, floor, and more. Packerland Drive will also be different. If you have not noticed yet, the construction crews are setting up for their work to begin on June 9th. There will be a roundabout put in at the intersection of Packerland Drive and Trojan Drive causing the traffic pattern to get into Southwest High School to be a little different.



As students and families prepare themselves for the upcoming time away from the formal classroom, and with all of this upcoming commotion that will be happening at Southwest High School, I ask, "*How will your student(s) be spending their summer?*"

I encourage students to balance soaking up time away from school expectations along with staying engaged and finding ways to further progress towards post-secondary goals. Consider any of the following for your student(s) during the upcoming summer months:



- *Engage in a hobby that helps you relax and brings you joy* - This triggers brain chemicals that help you refocus;
- *Seek volunteer opportunities* - These could turn into letters of recommendation for that first job and/or college;
- *Spend time with family and friends* - These people are the support network that will help you get through tough times; and
- *Seek an opportunity to learn about a topic you are passionate about* - This could turn into a future career and allows you to apply the academic knowledge that you have gained through your schooling.

Time away during the summer months is an opportunity to continue to grow. The above are just a few ideas. There are a lot of other ways that students can keep their progress going over the summer. Take advantage of it!

Class of 2025 Information

If your student did not pick up their cap & gown yet, the student or their parent/guardian on file can pick it up in the main office during normal school hours.

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

Senior Important Dates:

May 27, 28, 29 *- Senior Exams (full class days, no shortened schedule)*

May 28 *- Professional Photography Orders Due*

May 29 *- All outstanding student fees due*

May 29 *- Senior Last Day of School*

May 30 *- Mandatory Graduation Practice at the Kress Center (12-1:30 p.m. Student arrival time is 11:30 a.m.)*

May 30 *- Senior Lock-In (9:45 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.)*

May 31 *- Graduation at the Kress Center (Ceremony starts at 4:00 p.m. Student arrival time is 3:00 p.m.)*



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE IMPORTANT DATES, AND TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH GRADUATION INFORMATION, VISIT: HTTPS://SOUTHWEST.GBAPS.ORG/ACADEMICS/GRADUATION

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2024-2025 Final Exam Schedule ~ Semester 2

Seniors

*Important: Seniors are expected to attend all of their classes during the final exam week and do not have shortened class days.**

Tuesday, May 27	Wednesday, May 28	Thursday, May 29	Friday, May 30
Periods 1, 3, & 8	Periods 2, 4, & 6	Periods 5 & 7 *Last day of school*	12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. *Graduation Rehearsal at the Kress Center*

Join the Family Connection Network

Southwest High School is seeking parents, guardians, and other caregivers to join the Family Connection Network. This is not the "traditional" Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO). It is not a separate entity from the school - it is an extension of the school staff. It is an opportunity for students' parents, guardians, and other caregivers to be an active participant in students' high school experience. All with no pressure to fundraise, fundraise, fundraise! 😂



- Strengthen the positive partnership between the families and staff.
- Provide feedback to school staff regarding continuous improvement efforts.

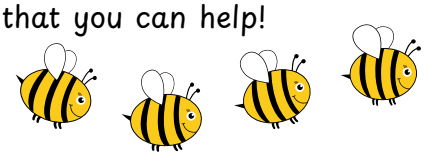


- Support the growth and maintenance of the best possible learning environment for students and work environment for staff.
- Support a positive sense of pride within the Southwest High School community.



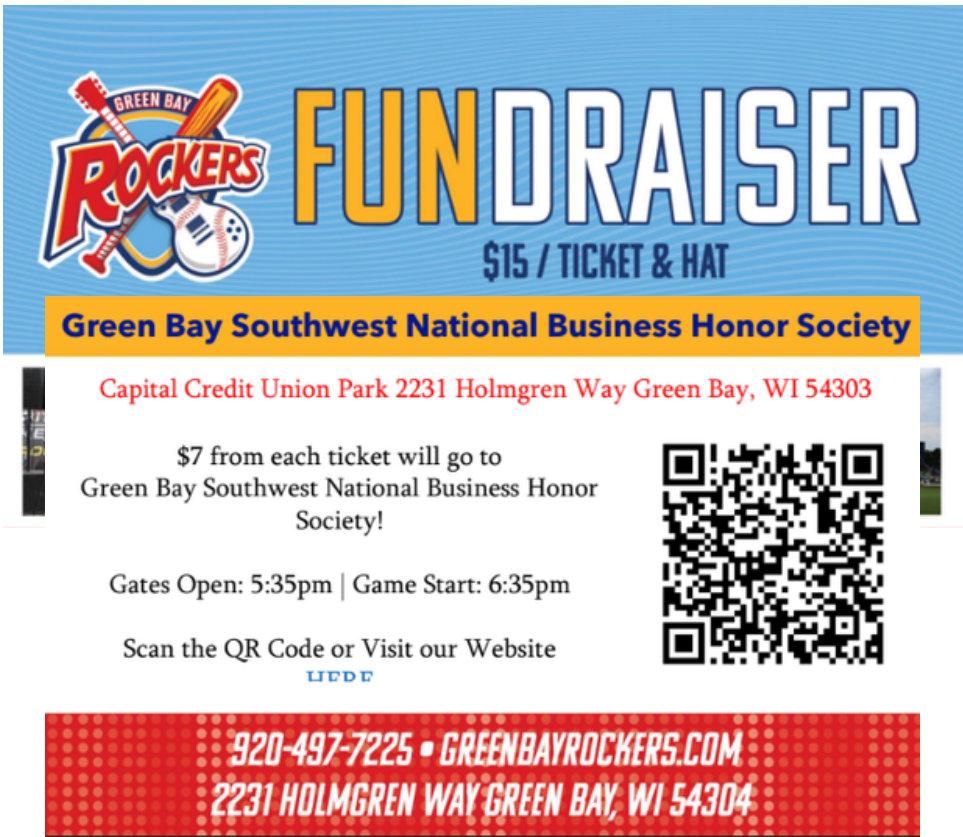
- Support other Southwest High School families.
- Serve as a method of active engagement for Southwest High School parents, guardians, and caregivers.

If you would like to receive information about the Southwest High School Family Connection Network, please consider submitting your contact information here - Southwest High School Family Connection Network Contact List. Be on the lookout for ways that you can help!



Click to view the year end important reminders from our nurse.

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



HALL OF FAME
Green Bay Area Public School District

NOMINATE ALUMNI TODAY!

Applications due
May 31, 2025

SCAN ME

Green Bay Area Public School District

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)

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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

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

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)

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.*

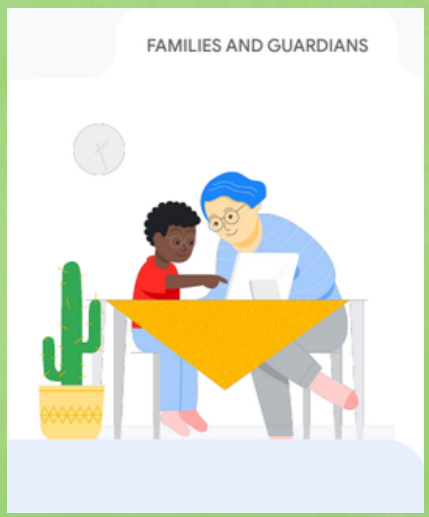
Infinite Campus Parent Portal Guide
Annual Updates for Current Students

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!
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