



Back to School 2025-2026

Administration:

Principal: Mike Whisler

Associate Principal: Tori Adkins

Associate Principal: Louisa Samples

Manager of Student Engagement: John Polkowski

Athletics & Activities Director: Chris Williams



Southwest Phone Numbers

Attendance:

(Report a student's absence)
920-492-2653

Student Services:

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

Main Office:

920-492-2650

Athletics & Activities:

920-492-2734

2025-2026 District One-Page Calendar

[English Calendar](#)

[Spanish Calendar](#)

[Hmong Calendar](#)

[Somali Calendar](#)

Dates to Know...

Aug. 15: Summer School Session 2 Ends

Aug. 18: SW Registration (10am-2pm)

Aug. 19: SW Registration (2pm-6pm)

Aug. 21: Welcome Back GBAPS Celebration
@ Joannes Park (12pm-6pm)

Sept. 2: First day of school

9th grade: In person,

10th, 11th, 12th grade: Asynchronous instruction

Sept 3: ALL Students in Person

Sept. 26: Homecoming Football Game

Sept. 27: Homecoming Dance

Oct. 1: Student Picture Retakes (Lunch hours)

Oct. 2: Blood Drive (8am-2:30pm)

Oct. 2: National Custodians Day

Oct. 3: No School

Oct. 16: Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:30pm-7pm)

Oct. 21: Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:30pm-7pm)

Oct. 28: Choir Concert (7:00pm)

Oct. 31: No School

Back to School Registration Event

Monday, August 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, August 19 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

*Only cash & check accepted!

Obtain student IDs & student schedules, order school pictures, add money to lunch accounts, purchase student parking passes/planners/locks, pay school fees and more.

Be sure to attend one of the dates!

***All families MUST complete their Annual Information Update on the Parent Portal BEFORE attending registration. See page 2 for instructions.**

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



CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ON SCHOOL PICTURES!

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Guide Annual Updates for Current Students



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.

Instructions for Completing Annual Updates

1. Log In:

- Log into the [Green Bay Infinite Campus Portal](#) using your username and password
- If you do not remember your password, on the login page, click the "Forgot Password" link and follow the instructions.
- 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.

2. Annual Updates:

- Select **More** on the left hand side of the screen.
 - Select **Online Registration/Annual Update**.
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- Select **Current Student Registration**. Read all instructions and click **Start**.
 - Carefully review and update any information throughout the module
 - Complete this process before your back to school event, even if no changes are needed.



Save the date for the third annual Welcome Back GBAPS Celebration!

Join the Green Bay Area Public School District in a celebration with fun, food, music and more at Joannes Park from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on August 21, 2025. Additional information will be shared throughout the summer. Activities will take place throughout Joanne's Park (not including the waterpark).

All GBAPS students and families are invited to this free, carnival-style event.

An Important Update From Principal Whisler...

Planning for the 2025-2026 school year is well underway here at Green Bay Southwest High School. This preparation includes more than hiring, moving classroom furniture, and/or ordering materials for the upcoming school year. It also engages a number of different people - staff, students, family, and community members - around what the priorities for the upcoming school year are, and how Southwest is going to grow our students' experiences and learning.

There is a lot that is taken into consideration when determining that growth target. First and foremost, the vision, mission, and values of our school, which is directly aligned with the district, is taken into consideration. Last school year there was a lot of work done around these visions, missions, and values as a building and a district.



At the district level, everything that's done comes back to preparing the students for that **Graduate Profile** that is outlined in the [Green Bay Area Public School District Portrait of a Graduate](#).



Here at Southwest High School, we make sure that everything is lined up to our [Vision](#), [Mission](#), and [Trojan Traits](#).

At the end of June, the Trojan Traits (i.e., values or characteristics) were finalized. All-in-all, there are 10 Trojan Traits identified as important to instill in each and every student that we have the honor of working with. Through collaboration of students, staff, and families, we have narrowed it down and finalized the five priority Trojan Traits, which are as follows:

 Responsibility	Doing what you are expected to do - on time, with effort, and without being reminded. It's about owning your actions, making good choices, and following through, even when it is hard.
 Empathy	Understanding how someone else feels - even if you have not been in their shoes - and showing that you care through your words and actions.
 Communication	Clearly sharing your thoughts, listening to others, and using respectful words and body language - whether you are speaking, writing, or just trying to understand someone else.
 Critical Thinking	Using your brain to ask questions, look at facts, and make smart decisions instead of just going with the first idea or what others say. It is about thinking deeper, not just faster.
 Continuous Improvement	Always trying to get better - learning from mistakes, taking feedback seriously, and pushing yourself to grow a little more each day.

If you would like more information about what's being done around the Green Bay Southwest High School Vision, Mission, and Trojan Traits, please feel free to reach out. Also, pay attention to learning and celebrations aligned with this work throughout the school year. When all of our school community is working together towards a common goal (i.e., Vision and Mission), our students will do GREAT things!

As we say here at Southwest High School...Together We Will!

Get Connected & Involved

Family Connection Network

Engaging with the Southwest High School Family Connection Network is a great way to be involved in your student's education and experience. Whether you want to show up and provide input, or support the group through donations, we love the fact that you are here!

If you have any questions about the Family Connection Network, the group's purpose, and/or other ways to be involved, please feel free to reach out to Principal Mike Whisler at any time.

Meeting Dates & Times

- The GBSW Family Connection Network will meet regularly on the first Monday of each month at 5:30pm. The group will meet in the LMC on the following dates:
 - September 8, 2025
 - October 6, 2025
 - November 3, 2025
 - December 1, 2025
 - January 5, 2026
 - February 2, 2026
 - March 2, 2026
 - April 6, 2026
 - May 4, 2026
 - June 1, 2026

**On most of these dates, the GBSW Booster Club meets right afterward at 7:00pm.*

Support the Family Connection Network

The best involvement is being present for the discussions. However, if you would like to consider providing financial support to the Family Connection Network and/or the GBSW students and staff, please consider supporting financially:

- Please make checks payable to Southwest High School. They can be dropped off in the main office or mailed to Southwest High School (Attn: Bookkeeper) 1331 Packerland Drive, Green Bay, WI 54304.
- Please indicate "Family Connection Network" in the check memo.

Meet Our New Staff!

Heidi Lassila
ML Teacher

Janelle Kresbach
Autism Focus Teacher

Kelly Brinker
Behavior Focus Teacher

Owen Stieiber
PE/Health Teacher

Dan Newel
ML Teacher

Sarah Pamperin
Alternative Ed. Teacher

Kennedy Metoxen
School Psychologist

Ligia Frota Greiling
Hall Monitor

Abie Vang
ML Teacher

Amy Addy
Spanish Teacher

Charles Leonard
Tech. Ed. Teacher

Sara Van Rossum
Family Consumer Science Teacher

Clayton Vader
Agriculture Teacher

Madeline Kaltz
Music Teacher

Kimberly Wagner
Math Teacher

Jason Eastman
ID Teacher

Daphne Gonzalez-Collazo
ID Para



Southwest High School Athletics

Athletic registration for the 25-26 school year opens
July 1, 2025.

Registration and valid physical must be completed
prior to participating in any sport, including
practice, games, or meets.

Visit southwest.gbaps.org/athletics to register.

CLICK
HERE!

for coach
contact
information
& important
dates



Click here for the
downloadable version of the
[2025-2026 Southwest school
supply list.](#)

Consider purchasing extra supplies to donate
to Troy's House. Troy's House is in dire need
of these donations to help those in the SW
school community.

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT SOUTHWEST ATHLETICS

SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

JOIN IN THE FUN!
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Meat Raffle / Live Auctions

**SUNDAY
AUGUST 17TH
1PM - 4PM**

LOCATION
Tic Harbor Lights
2824 Harbor Lights Ln
Suamico, WI 54173

EVENT INCLUDES:

- ✓ 20+ Rounds of Meat
- ✓ 5 Large Auctions
- ✓ Raffle Baskets
- ✓ 50/50 Raffle

TICKET PRICES
Meat Tickets - CASH ONLY:
\$20 for card of 20 tickets
Raffles & 50/50 - Cash or Card
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