

BLACKHAWK W BEAT

AUGUST 2025

#WESTISBEST

WELCOME BACK

WEST AURORA HIGH SCHOOL
BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!
 Thursday, August 28* 5-7pm

SCHEDULE PICK UP *
 MEET TEACHERS * SPIRIT WEAR * FOOD TRUCKS *
 TECH SUPPORT * WALK THE BUILDING * MORE!!!!

#GetInvolved
 DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Need TECH SUPPORT?
 Stop down in the Nexus during your lunch or study hall!

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

- Tuesday, August 5:** Walk the Building, 8am to 12pm & Back to School Kick-Off, 5-7pm
- Wednesday, August 6:** Walk the Building, 8am to 12pm
- Thursday, August 7:** Walk the Building, 8am - 12pm
- Sunday, August 10:** Link Leader Training, 1-3pm
- Monday, August 11:** Welcome Back SD129 Staff Kick-Off
- Tuesday, August 12:** SD129 Staff Inservice Day
- Thursday, August 14:** 1st Day of School for Students
- Friday, August 15:** Underclassmen Picture Day



West Aurora High School
BACK TO SCHOOL Kick-off

Tuesday, August 5, 2025
 5-7pm

- Schedule Pick-up from Houses
- Tours of the Building
- Walk the Activities & Athletic Fair
 - Get information about Clubs
- Food Trucks

FALL SPORTS START:
 Monday, Aug. 11
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UPCOMING EVENTS

2025-2026
 STUDENT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



SCAN ME

WEST AURORA HIGH SCHOOL 1st DAY OF SCHOOL
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025

CLASS OF 2029	ALL STUDENTS
ENTER WITH PRIDE Freshmen Orientation	1st Day Schedule
1st Day Schedule	
Period 1 : 7:35am - 7:46am	Period 1 : 9:55am - 10:25am
Period 2 : 7:51am - 8:02am	Period 2 : 10:30am - 11:00am
Period 3 : 8:07am - 8:18am	Period 3 : 11:05am - 11:35am
Period 4 : 8:23am - 8:34am	Period 4A : 11:40am - 11:56am
Period 5 : 8:39am - 8:50am	Period 4B : 12:01pm - 12:17pm
Period 6 : 8:55am - 9:06am	Period 5A : 12:22pm - 12:38pm
Period 7 : 9:11am - 9:22am	Period 5B : 12:43pm - 12:59pm
Period 8 : 9:27am - 9:40am	Period 6A : 1:04pm - 1:20pm
<small>*Class of 2029 will then follow the All Student Schedule</small>	Period 6B : 1:25pm - 1:41pm
	Period 7A : 1:46pm - 2:02pm
	Period 7B : 2:07pm - 2:23pm
	Period 8 : 2:28pm - 2:57pm

Visit westhigh.sd129.org for more information!



FRESHMAN * SOPHOMORE * JUNIOR
PICTURE DAY



Friday, August 15
 during PE/Health/Dr Ed/ROTC
 Red Field House

Visit: mylifetouch.com
 Picture Day ID: EVTCC4KTM

ATHLETICS:

- Monday, August 11:** 1st Day of Fall Sports
- Thursday, August 21:** Tennis vs ACC, 4:15pm
- Friday, August 22:** Tennis vs Rosary at 4pm, Football Red & Blue Scrimmage at 5pm
- Monday, August 25:** G Golf vs RB, 4pm; Flag Football vs GE, 6:30pm
- Tuesday, August 26:** Soccer vs Oswego East, 4:30pm
- Wednesday, August 27:** G Golf vs Triangular at 4pm
- Thursday, August 28:** Tennis vs Ridgewood, 4pm
- Friday, August 29:** Football vs Hinsdale Central at 7pm
- Saturday, August 30:** Tennis Quad, 8am, B Soccer vs Elmwood Park, 11am

Class Shirts ROUND 2



FALL SPORT REGISTRATION

Athletes need to be registered on SNAP & current Physical on file!
 All athletes need a RED CARD!

START DATE:
Monday, Aug. 11

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Scan the QR code to check out our **Club opportunities:**

- Competitive
- Performance
- After-School



August 1 thru August 17

ONSALE NOW

<https://westhigh.sd129.org/students/clubs-activities>

<https://wahsclassofstore2025v2.itemorder.com/>

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MEET OUR PRINCIPAL, Dr. Martino



I am honored to continue serving a school and community that have truly become home to me and my family. After completing my first year as principal of West Aurora High School, I remain deeply committed to leading our exceptional school and supporting the success of every student.

My journey with West Aurora School District 129 began in 2011, as assistant principal of student activities where I enhanced extracurricular experiences and fostered student engagement campus-wide.

My career started as a dedicated social studies teacher specializing in government. Over time, I developed a strong interest in shaping educational policies and practices, leading me to administrative roles. I first served as dean of students, focusing on cultivating a positive school climate and supporting student development.

Now, as principal, my priorities remain centered on academic excellence, student growth, and expanding opportunities that prepare our students for life beyond high school. I believe in empowering students to use their academic knowledge to choose a post-secondary path that aligns with their interests and passions, fostered and discovered through their public education experience.

I hold a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Iowa, a Master of Arts in educational leadership from Aurora University, and a Doctor of Education in educational leadership and policy studies.

At West High, we ensure that all graduates are academically prepared with **essential skills** and **mindsets** to empower them as they enter their chosen post-secondary path.

WEST AURORA BLACKHAWK READY

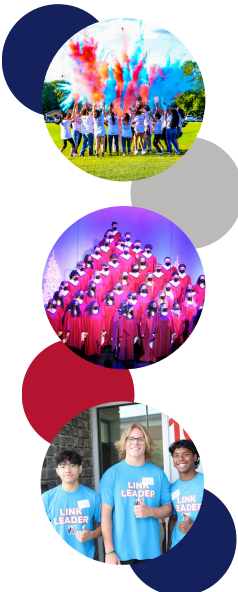
Instructional Commitments

SKILLS

- Collaboration**
The learning environment and culture of each classroom encourage learners to make the thinking visible.
- Critical Thinking**
Learning starts with creating a desire to know more and willingness to generate questions and gain understanding.
- Communication**
Dialogue and written communication enables graduates to generate ideas and think more deeply, leading to transferable learning.
- Resilient**
Opportunities to take risks in our learning are present and welcomed as part of our learning process.

MINDSETS

- Accountable**
Striving for personal growth and development requires fulfilling obligations, understanding personal impact, and contributing positively to the learning environment.
- Connected**
Relationships are important and matter to create inclusive environments where learners feel welcomed, safe and connected.



A HOUSE MODEL

West High has five 'house' teams. Each team has a dean of students, two counselors, a social worker, a psychologist, and two office professionals. These house teams are designed to be the one place for students to access all support services.

Each student's house is determined by their last name.

Ambition House
(A-Cor)
630.301.6791

Character House
(Cos-Gom)
630.301.6792

Honor House
(Gon-Mar)
630.301.6793

Pride House
(Mas-Ris)
630.301.6794

Tradition House
(Rit-Z)
630.301.6795

Tech Help Desk
helpdesksd129.org
Scan for more resources



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STAY CONNECTED THROUGH
SOCIAL MEDIA, YOUR SCHOOL



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EMAIL & SCHOOLOGY

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Do you have suggestions on what we can do better here at WAHS? If so, stop in and see Mrs. Kegarise in the Student Activity Office or send her an email at ekegarise@sd129.org