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BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION



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Ashwaubenon School District

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MESSAGE FROM DR. BAKE

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SUPERINTENDENT

As superintendent of the Ashwaubenon School District, it is my honor to welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year!

This year, I am challenging our students, staff, families, and community to 'Meet the Moment'. By working together with purpose and resilience, I know we can accomplish great things in the year ahead. I have been a part of this community for 20 years, and I know what we are capable of when we work together. The strong relationship between our village and our school district sets us apart. District and village leadership understand that our taxpayers are best served when we collaborate. We have a tremendous group of volunteers who work with our staff making incredible accomplishments possible every day. And when asked, our community has generously supported our schools through referendums and countless donations of time and resources to support our programs.

Our community can help us meet the moment this year by joining one of our parent-teacher organizations, volunteering in one of our schools, or attending a school event to cheer on our students. Families of our students: we ask for your partnership by helping your child to get a good night of sleep each night and ensuring they get to school on time each day. Have regular conversations with your child about their learning. If you have questions, please reach out to your child's teacher so that you can partner together to create a plan to support success. Although it can sometimes be difficult, allow your child the space to build resilience through experiencing the natural results of their choices. We all want to protect our children from disappointment, but it is through adversity that we all grow. Finally, do your best to speak positively about school and the adults at school when speaking with your child. Differing viewpoints are inevitable and we may not always get everything right at school. However, our children adopt our attitude towards school, so let's work together to help them develop a positive school image.

The start of a new school year is such a great time to be a Jaguar! When we all commit to the success of our community's children through supporting our schools, our entire community thrives. I look forward to partnering with you as we continue to build a bright future for all Ashwaubenon students this year.

Dr. Andrew Bake

STRATEGIC PLAN PILLARS







In Spring 2023, the Ashwaubenon School District launched a new strategic plan, with over 100 staff members, students, board members, and community members working together to shape it. Their collective effort led to the creation of a five-pillar plan that outlines the district's priorities and a clear path forward.

This strategic plan is designed to help every child reach their full academic and social potential. As a high-performing and supportive school district, we are confident this plan will guide our efforts to develop a positive learning environment for all.

Throughout this newsletter, you will see icons that highlight how the district is strengthening these five pillars.





SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

AHS Link Leaders Lead the Way

Link Crew is our school's freshman transition program, designed to help incoming students feel welcomed, supported, and connected as they begin high school. Our Link Leaders, a group of trained upperclassmen, serve as mentors and guides throughout the year, says Link Advisor Megan Oberstadt. Principal Ribbens says, " It is a relief for kids to know that anyone with a tie-dyed shirt is someone they can go to for help or directions, the first day. The first day of school went very well, with Link Leaders greeting students, helping them find their way, and setting a positive tone for the year. We are excited to welcome the Class of 2029 and look forward to seeing them grow, get involved, and make their mark on our school community!"







PARKVIEW IS INVESTING IN THE FUTURE





Thanks to a state funding source for Career and Technical Education (CTE), the Ashwaubenon School District is investing in students' futures by upgrading our CTE programs. This funding, which provides up to $1,000 per student for those in programs like Youth Apprenticeship and various certification courses like welding, nursing, and child care, has enabled us to make significant improvements across our schools. Over the last two years, this funding—typically around $30,000 to $40,000 annually—has directly benefited Parkview's classrooms. The Family and Consumer Science (FCS) classroom was equipped with brand-new sewing machines, mixers, and appliances. Additionally, the Tech Ed and STEM classrooms received a complete refresh with new KI furniture, murals, and upgraded equipment, creating a more modern and inspiring learning environment for students.





VV- PBIS: T-Shirt Initiative to Celebrate Unity, Belonging, and School Spirit!



Valley View Elementary launched a new PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) initiative designed to strengthen our school culture and promote a sense of pride among students. As part of this effort, every student at Valley View will receive a free school spirit T-shirt—a gift we hope to continue for many years to come.

Staff and administration believe that belonging, pride, and unity are essential to student success. When students feel like they're part of something meaningful, it positively impacts their confidence, motivation, and connection to school. These shirts are more than just something to wear—they're a symbol of community and shared identity. Whether it's on spirit days, field trips, or special events, these T-shirts remind our students that they are part of a supportive, inclusive school family where everyone matters.

"This initiative is a powerful way to bring our school community together, fostering pride, unity, and a stronger sense of belonging for every student at Valley View", Jason Fisch- Associate Principal.







This initiative would not be possible without the support of our incredible sponsors and volunteers.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to:

- Nikki Smith, Valley View educational associate and parent, spearheaded this project.
- Loyality
- Christina Lindauer – State Farm Agent
- FRC Youth Football
- Be A Belle Salon
- Esco Renovations LLC
- Express Employment Professionals of Green Bay
- Jennyjean with Shorewest
- Gandrud Chevrolet
- Valley View Student Council
- -Valley View PTO

Thank you for helping us bring this vision to life. Your support is making a lasting impact on our students and school community.



Pioneer's New Playground Additions

The Pioneer PcTO (Parent child Teacher Organization) donated two tables, a large umbrella, and four trees by the Pioneer playground area to increase shade and sitting areas in the playground area. Pioneer students are loving the new additions!





Newline Interactive Boards at Cormier

Teachers can now move beyond static projections and engage students directly with lessons, allowing them to write, highlight, and manipulate objects right on the screen. The intuitive touchscreen makes learning more hands-on and dynamic, helping students grasp complex concepts in a more concrete way. This shift to interactive learning fosters collaboration and active participation, turning abstract ideas into engaging and effective classroom experiences.

DISTRICT AWARDS







Child Advocacy Awards

At our annual staff kick-off event in our PAC, led by Dr. Bake, we recognized the Child Advocacy Award winners. This year, we were able to recognize several of our amazing volunteers. **Bonnie Vangalis** has been instrumental in starting and running the Jag Jog at Parkview. With her efforts, this fundraiser has earned an incredible amount of money for the school. **Wendy Wied**, otherwise known as Grandma Wendy, has put in countless hours volunteering to work with students at Cormier school. Finally, **Pat Rathmann,** who as a retired teacher, knows the benefits of extra hands in the elementary level. She has volunteered in classrooms and the library, where she helped repair books.
ASD is so grateful for these incredibly selfless volunteers who have made a real difference in the lives of our students. Thank you!

MVP Awards

At the September School Board Meeting, we recognized the Community MVP Award recipients. These community members have gone above and beyond to support the Ashwaubenon School District in a variety of ways.



Since opening her agency three years ago, **Christina Lindauer-State Farm** has been a strong supporter of the district and community, donating high-priced items for fundraisers and sponsoring numerous events to advocate for students and staff. **Hope Clothing**, owned by **Crystal Albrent**, consistently provides our district with quality Jaguar apparel, offering generous discounts or donating a portion of each sale back to our schools, ensuring students and families benefit from her generosity. Finally, **Mike's Music**, through the support of **Troy Haumschild,** has been instrumental in the Parkview music program by donating his time to repair and refurbish instruments, saving the district thousands of dollars and allowing the music budget to be focused on new instruments and other essential needs.





DISTRICT AWARDS











Broccoli Flowering School Award

Congrats to Ashwaubenon High School!
They have been awarded a top recognition for their outstanding farm-to-school program.
This award means the school is a leader in teaching students about where their food comes from. They earned it by:

- Buying from local farms and using those foods in school meals.
- Growing their own food in school gardens.
- Teaching students about farming and healthy eating.

The school also created partnerships and long-term plans to ensure the program keeps going. This big win helps everyone—students get healthier food, and local farmers get more support.



DISTRICT CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

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ASHWAUBENON SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025-26 District Calendar

Grades 4K-12 for Parents

JULY 2025				
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SEPTEMBER 2025

Sept. 2	First Day of School
Sept. 11	**K-12:** 2-hour Early Release; 4K No School

OCTOBER 2025

Oct. 2	**9-12:** Conferences 4–8pm
Oct. 10	**K-12:** 2-hour Early Release; 4K No School
Oct. 29	**4K-8:** Conferences 4–7:30pm
Oct. 30	**4K-8:** Conferences 3-7:30pm
Oct. 30	**K-12:** 2-hour Early Release; 4K No School
Oct. 31	**4K-12:** No School
Oct. 31	End of Quarter 1

NOVEMBER 2025

Nov. 10	**K-12:** 2-hour Early Release; 4K No School
Nov. 26	**4K-12:** No School: Teacher Inservice
Nov. 27-28	**4K-12:** No School: Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 2025

Dec. 11	**9-12:** Conferences 4–8pm
Dec. 12	**K-12:** 2-hour Early Release; 4K No School
Dec. 22	**4K-12:** No School: Teacher Inservice
Dec. 23-Jan 2	**4K-12:** No School: Winter Break

JANUARY 2026

Jan. 5	School resumes
Jan. 19	**4K-12:** No School: Martin Luther King Day / No School: Teacher Inservice
*Jan. 22	**9-12:** Early Release (11:30am). **Gr. 4K-8:** Full Day
Jan. 23	**4K-12:** No School: Teacher Inservice
Jan. 23	End of Semester 1

FEBRUARY 2026

Feb. 19	**K-12:** 2-hour Early Release; 4K No School
Feb. 20	**4K-12:** No School: Teacher Inservice
Feb 26	**9-12:** Conferences 4–8pm

MARCH 2026

March 10	**9, 10, 12** full virtual day; **Gr. 11** ACT testing AM to early PM
March 10	**6-8:** Conferences 4–7:30pm
March 11	**4K-5:** Conferences 4–7:30pm
March 12	**4K-8:** Conferences 3–7:30pm
March 12	**K-12:** 2-hour Early Release; 4K No School
March 13	**4K-12:** No School
March 27	End of Quarter 3
Mar. 30-Apr 3	**4K-12:** No School: Spring Break

APRIL 2026

April 17	**K-12:** 2-hour Early Release; 4K No School

MAY 2026

May 7	**9-12:** Conferences 4–8pm
May 8	**K-12:** 2-hour Early Release; 4K No School
May 25	**4K-12:** No School: Memorial Day

JUNE 2026

*June 4	**9-12:** Early Release (11:30am). **Gr. 4K-8:** Full Day
June 5	No 4K classes; **K-5:** Early Release (11:00 am); **6-12:** Early Release (11:30am)
June 5	Last day of School; End of Semester
June 9–July 3, 2026	Summer School

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RECONNECTING IN THE CLASSROOM



In an increasingly digital world, we're committed to fostering genuine connection and focus in our classrooms. That's why we've launched a "hang up and connect" initiative from bell to bell in every class, including academic focus periods. The goal is simple: to create a learning environment where students can be fully present. By asking students to put their phones away during instructional time, we are already seeing remarkable results. Our teachers report more engaged students, deeper classroom discussions, and richer peer-to-peer interactions. When the distraction of a phone is removed, students are more focused on their work and on each other.

Students are still free to use their phones during passing time and lunch, striking a balance that respects both academic focus and personal connection. We are incredibly proud of our students and teachers for embracing this change and building a more connected school community.

AHS Cell Phone Policy:

ALL cell phones are to be turned off and put away in the classroom storage container unless you have teacher permission.

OR...it will be taken away and turned into the office for parents to pick up.



Don't let your cell phone disrupt your success!

ELECTRIC VEHICLE ORDINANCE



The Village of Ashwaubenon has a new set of specific rules for bicycles, e-bikes, and other vehicles as found in the new ordinance. Link to Village Ordinance Pamphlet

Key Regulations:

All bicycles and e-bikes in the village must have a **registration tag**. They can be ridden on sidewalks, but you must yield to pedestrians and give an audible signal when passing.

Electric scooters are prohibited on roads with speed limits over 30 mph unless there is a bike lane. They are also banned from Oneida Street and Holmgren Way. Only a single rider is allowed, and parking is not permitted on roadways or sidewalks.



Helmets are mandatory for anyone under 16 riding a bicycle, e-bike, or e-scooter on public roadways or bike paths.

Enforcement and Penalties:
Violations can result in warnings, municipal citations, or traffic citations. For juveniles under 14, the first two offenses are warnings, with a citation issued for a third offense. Parents or guardians can be held jointly liable for fines incurred by a minor.

VIDEO EXPLANATION