Trojan Times

October 2025

Administration:

Principal: *Mike Whisler*
Associate Principal (Grades 10-12, Student Support A-L): *Tori Adkins*
Associate Principal (Grades 10-12, Student Support M-Z): *Louisa Samples*
Manager of Student Engagement (Grade 9, Student Support A-Z): *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*
Last Names F-L: *Jen Siudzinski*
Last Names M-R, Z: *Elizabeth Mueller*
Last Names S-Y: *Ying Jing Vang*

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

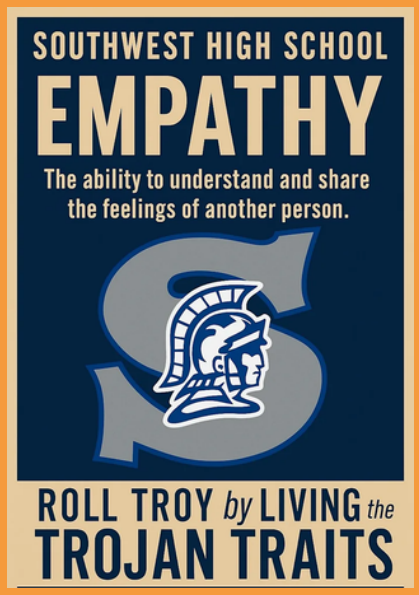
Dates to Know...

Oct. 21: Parent/Teacher Conferences *(3:30pm-7pm)*
Oct. 22: Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica: Induction Ceremony
Oct. 28: Choir Concert *(7 pm)*
Oct. 30: Harvest Cabaret Gala *(7 pm)*
Oct. 31: No School

Nov. 1: Purchase Trojan Musical Tickets
Nov. 3: Family Connection Network Meeting *(5:30 pm)*
Nov. 4: Band/Orchestra Concert *(7pm)*
Nov. 3-7: National School Psychology Week
Nov. 22: Booster Club Craft Fair *(9am-2pm)*
Nov. 26-28: No School

Dec. 1: Family Connection Network Meeting *(5:30 pm)*
Dec. 4: Blood Drive *(8am-2:30pm)*
Dec. 5, 6: Musical Performance *(7pm)*
Dec. 11: Musical Performance *(5:30pm)*
Dec. 12, 13: Musical Performance *(7pm)*
Dec. 17: Band/Orchestra Concert *(7pm)*
Dec. 24-31: No School/Winter Recess

Jan. 1-2: No School/Winter Recess



SCHEDULE FALL CONFERENCES

10/16 & 10/21
3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

We encourage you all to schedule time to connect with your student's teachers during parent/teacher conferences.

Instructions for logging in and scheduling conferences are attached below.

Fall Conferences 2025 Guide

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.*



The Mayor of Green Bay even proclaimed Sept. 12th as AVID day and students celebrated!





Fox River Monitoring students doing stream testing at Duck Creek

Students from the Class of 2026 gathered in the stadium for the annual Senior Sunrise and enjoyed pancakes and donuts.



GBSW students and staff participated in Orange Shirt Day. “Every Child Matters" honors the importance of all children and their culture, and Southwest is proud to embrace that message.



The Native Club brought the fun to the Party in the Parking Lot with their "Human Slot Machine." Everyone was a winner, but three of a kind won the contestant an "Oneida Reads" zipper pull or notebook!





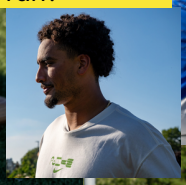
One of the many things that students and staff had the opportunity to participate in at Party in the Parking Lot, was the dunk tank!

Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love visited Southwest’s football practice. During his visit, Love spent time running drills with the team and answering some of the players' most pressing football questions like, “How does it feel to have Micah Parsons on your team?” and “What is the longest play you run?”



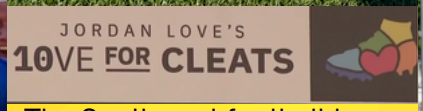












The Southwest football team is the most recent team to receive new cleats thanks to Love's *10ve for Cleats* initiative.



Ms. Pamperin celebrates her students' incredible talents, from presenting in class to getting their driver's license. She makes sure to get an autograph as well!

Mr. Krings and former Student Learning Advocate Roger Klapper, standing in front of an original highway marker used by Brown County. Krings will be using this as a prop as he teaches the history of the Highway System in Wisconsin.







Students wore pink and invited others to sit with them on October 2nd.

ON OCT 2, WE WEAR PINK!

YOU CAN SIT WITH US

SOURCES OF STRENGTH

Ms. Johnson's healthcare students participating in the Bellin's Hand on Healthcare program.













12th Annual GBAPS Marching Band Showcase featured the four high school marching bands. Each band performed their Homecoming routines, and finished with a combined effort finale of Bruce Springsteen's Born to Run.







Mr. Jepsen's *Chemistry in the Community* class performed the PHOSPATE test outdoors and did boiling by the Greenhouse to get electricity.



SpongeBob Musical Cast

Southwest Choir at the Homecoming game



Southwest Cheerleaders showing school spirit!



Youth Apprenticeship Spotlight

LAUREN

HURCKMAN MECHANICAL INDUSTRIES, INC.

"I like working at Hurckman Mechanical because every day brings something different, and I get to use my hands to solve problems that truly make a difference. The work keeps me busy and challenged, but it also gives me a sense of pride when I see the results of what I've done. I enjoy being part of a team where everyone relies on each other, and it feels good to know I'm learning skills that will always be valuable. At HMI, I've learned to read blueprints, complete projects accurately, and use different techniques to get the job done efficiently. I've also gained experience working safely with tools, equipment, and materials. Beyond technical skills, I've strengthened my teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and time management—skills that I know will carry me far in the future."

Hurckman Mechanical Industries, Inc.



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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 September.

JILLIAN GALARNEAU	ELLIE AMA
HAILEY YANG	AIDAN SMITH
ISAAC SHANK	NOAH RITCHIE
ZOEY DUBY	HANNAH NEUSER
JAXSTON TIDWELL	EVA RUELLE
VAN RANK	HELLEN PINEDA
RAINNA SCHNEIDER	LIAM LAVIGNE
JAVON SILVA	MARISSA NAU
TYLER ZIEBELL	GRETTA MEIERBACHTOL

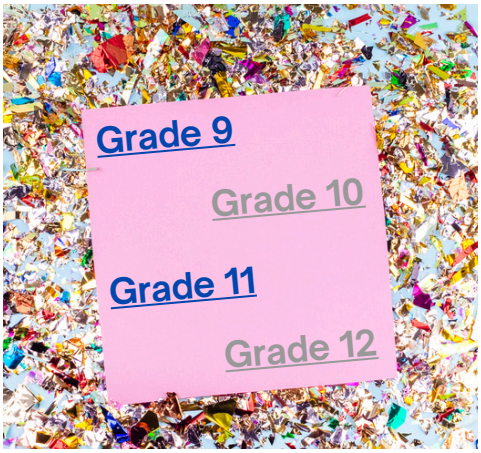


A Message From Principal Whisler

Responsibility is one of the 10 Trojan Traits here at Southwest High School. Responsibility is being accountable for your choices and following through on commitments. Responsibility includes *showing up*.

This month, I'd like to celebrate those students that have consistently SHOWN UP during the first six weeks of school. In order to be successful in anything, you have to show the responsibility of showing up, even when it might be difficult.

> *Some days you show up STRONG. Other days you JUST show up. Either way, YOU'RE STILL SHOWING UP – AND THAT MATTERS!*
> *– Tik Tok*



Now, of course, there is nothing more important than a person's health. So, please do not take this to mean that we want students (or staff) to show up when they should be taking care of their health.

In GBAPS, we aim to be above the state average in the number of students that are consistently present (more than 90% of the possible school days). Right now, Southwest High School is working to improve our progress towards that goal.

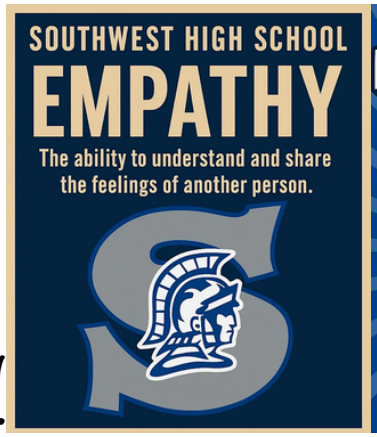
Let's celebrate those individuals that SHOW UP to do the work. Please take a moment to acknowledge the 858 students (linked to the left by grade) who have been present for 85% or more of the 1st Progress Grading Period (September 2 - October 10). Congratulations!

Trojan Trait October Focus: Empathy

Encourage your student to live out the Trojan Traits! The trait that is being focused on this month is *Empathy.* Last month, the focus was on *Responsibility.*

When students are caught showing either of these traits to others, they may receive a ticket to be entered into a drawing at the end of the month!

What it means to be a Southwest Trojan...





Set Up a Canvas Observer Account

We're excited to share how you can stay connected to your student's learning through **Canvas**, our district's online learning platform.

If you haven't already set up a **Canvas Observer Account**, we encourage you to do so. With this account, you can:

- View your student's coursework and grades
- Track assignments and due dates
- Monitor progress on formative and summative assessments
- Customize your notification preferences

To get started, visit our Canvas Parent Access website (bit.ly/observercanvasaccess), which includes:
✓ Easy step-by-step setup instructions
✓ Short tutorial videos
✓ Helpful links to additional Canvas resources

Important: Parents who created a Canvas account last year do not need to set it up again.

From Student Services...

CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATION
Saturday, May 30, 2026 | 4:00 pm
Kress Events Center

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

Class of 2026

Cap & Gown sales are January 27 & 28, 2026 (lunch hours).



Click below for ordering information:

- Cap & Gown Packages
- Announcements & Gifts

Students can now submit their senior portrait & baby picture through this link.

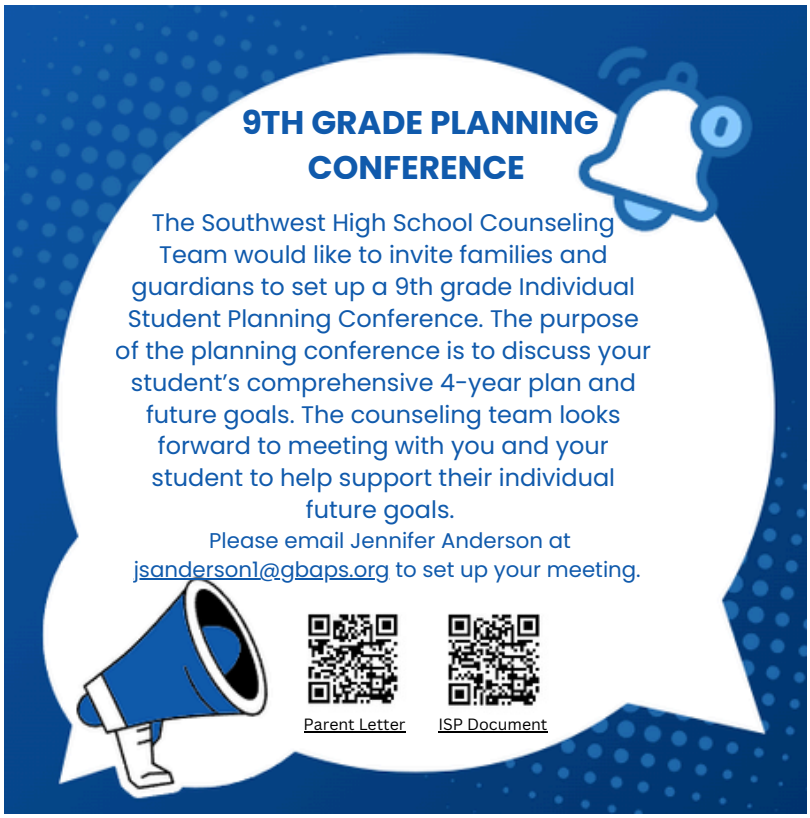




DUE: December 1, 2025

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



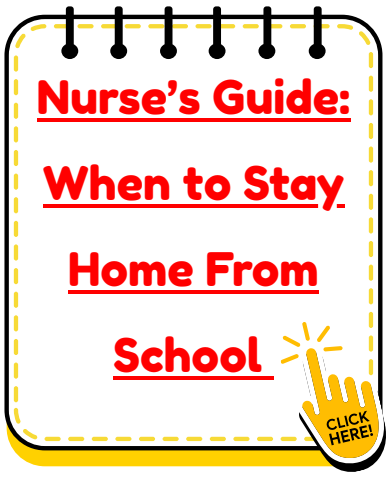


Notes From the School Nurse



When should my student stay home from school? With mild symptoms of certain conditions, when is it appropriate for my child to come to school?

Please review the Nurse's Guide for When to Stay Home From School for answers to these questions and other recommendations.

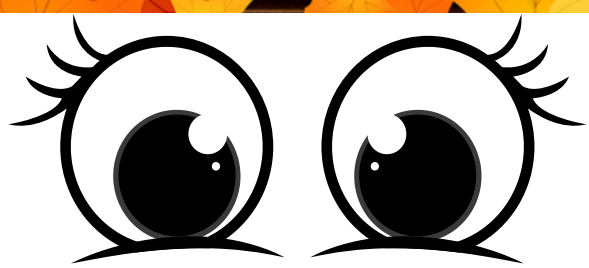


Come & See


NOV. 1
TICKETS GO
ON SALE!
TrojanMusical.com
nickelodeon
THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL
PERFORMANCES
DECEMBER 5-13
2025-2026 SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE SEASON
TICKETS:
TROJANMUSICAL.COM
LITTLE WOMEN
PERFORMANCES APRIL 23-25


SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL'S FIRST EVER...
HARVEST CABARET GALA
October 30th at 7pm!
$10 tickets can be purchased at the door!
This red-carpet talent show features the students involved in our musicals, with 100% of the Gala's proceeds guaranteeing that each student involved in this year's musicals gets a free T shirt...a first for our program!
The Musical is the largest club at Southwest with over 150 students! This year we are performing Spongebob in December and Little Women in April!


Choir Concert
Love and Loss
Southwest High School
October 28th, 2025
Marsch Family Auditorium



GREATER GREEN BAY CHAMBER
GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS

Join us in recognizing the educators who inspire, lead and innovate in Greater Green Bay classrooms. The Golden Apple Awards honor those shaping student success and our region's future through excellence in education.

Nominate a licensed educational professional or team by completing the nomination form through the link to the right.

Nominate Here (English)
Nominar Aquí (Español)

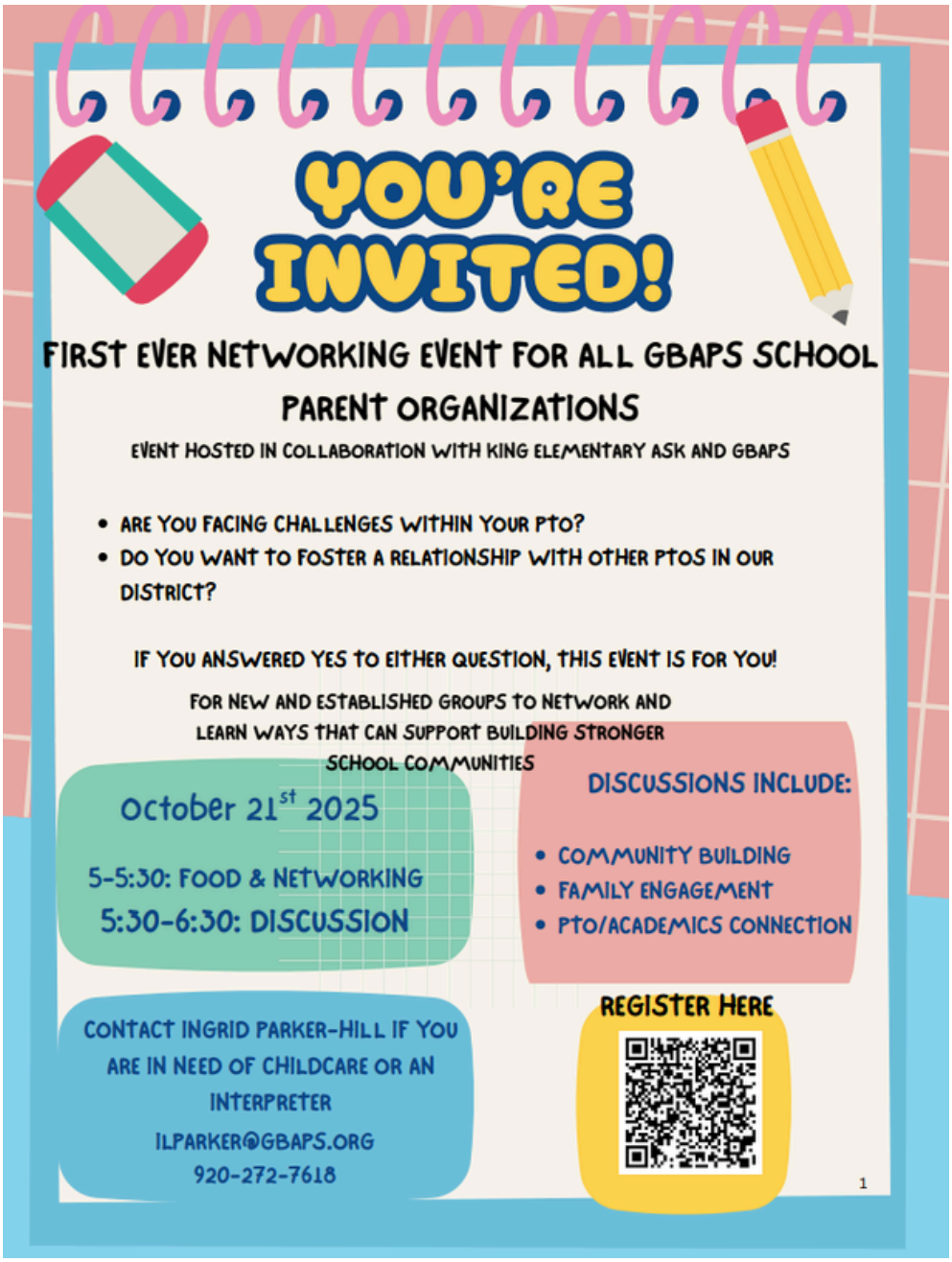
Nominations due by 3:00 p.m. on Wed., October 29, 2025.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

October 15, 2025 was White Cane Safety Day!

White Cane Safety Day is coming!! White Cane Safety Day is a national observance in the United States, celebrated on October 15 of each year. The date is set aside to celebrate the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired, and the important symbol of independence for blind people, the white cane. It also reminds people about how the white cane is an important tool in helping the blind and visually impaired live with greater independence.





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
Main Office Phone Number: 920-492-2650
Attendance Phone Number: 920-492-2653


Mr. Mike Whisler
Principal
Email Mike


Mr. John Polkowski
Manager of Student Engagement
Grade 9
Student Support A-Z
Email John


Ms. Tori Adkins
Associate Principal
Grades 10-12
Student Support A-L
Email Tori


Mr. Chris Williams
Athletic & Activities Director
Email Chris


Ms. Louisa Samples
Associate Principal
Grades 10-12
Student Support M-Z
Email Louisa

Career Center


Ms. Melissa Hovanick-Larson
Career Center Coordinator
Email Melissa
920-492-2652


Ms. Danielle Wahlen
Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator
Email Danielle
920-873-3057

Image coming soon
Ms. Lisa Kong
Career Coach - UWGB
Email Lisa
920-518-3767

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD Southwest Who's Who?

Student Services
Phone Number: 920-492-2652


Ms. Amanda Millan
School Counselor
Student Support A-E
Email Amanda
920-492-2719


Ms. Janine Walch Blohowiak
Social Worker
Student Support A-L
Email Janine
920-492-5582


Ms. Jen Siudzinski
School Counselor
Student Support F-L
Email Jen
920-492-2718


Ms. Anna Van Schyndel
Social Worker
Student Support M-Z
Email Anna
920-492-2709


Ms. Elizabeth Mueller
School Counselor
Student Support M-R & Z
Email Elizabeth
920-492-2717


Ms. Kennedy Metoxen
School Psychologist
Email Kennedy
920-518-3763


Ms. Ying-Jing Vang
*Student Services Department Head
School Counselor
Student Support S-Y
Email Ying-Jing
920-492-2716


Mr. Jon Wiegert
*Special Education Lead Teacher
Email Jon
(920) 614-9279


Ms. Bonnie Baranczyk
School Nurse
Email Bonnie
920-272-7638


Ms. Ma Vang
Registrar
Email Ma

Meet Our New Staff!

Lindsey Mahler
Speech & Language



Consider Working for GBAPS

Food Service has a number of open positions that might be PERFECT for adults of our district's families! If you are interested in working when children are in school, we have openings for you! Competitive hourly rate and great benefits, including uniform allowance and paid training time! Interested in working with energetic and like-minded individuals in our fast-paced school kitchens? Please apply electronically on WECAN (https://wecan.waspa.org/Employer/Vacancy/PublicSupport/3495), this Online Application (https://careers.gbaps.org/apply/application), or stop by in person at 1210 Guns Road to pick up a paper application.

Open Food Service Positions as of 10/9/2025:

- Southwest High School 8:30 am - 1:45 pm *$20.80 an hour*
- Production Food Service Worker at ASB (2 positions) 7:00 am - 1:15 pm *$20.80 an hour,* can assist at the school cafeterias
- Food Service Floaters (2 positions) Guaranteed 30 hours a week, This person works at all of our schools when the regular staff call out and/or there is an opening; schedule can vary daily from 6:30 am to approximately 4 pm, *$20.80 an hour*
- Preble High School 9:00 am - 1:45 pm *$20.80 an hour*
- Red Smith K-8 9:15 am - 2:00 pm *$20.80 an hour*
- District Wide substitute food service workers, District rate is *$15.00 an hour*, on-call basis, hours can vary based on your schedule!

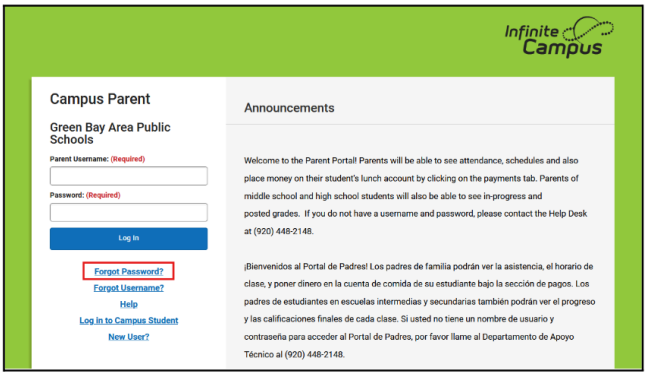
Infinite Campus Parent Portal Guide
Annual Updates for Current Students

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

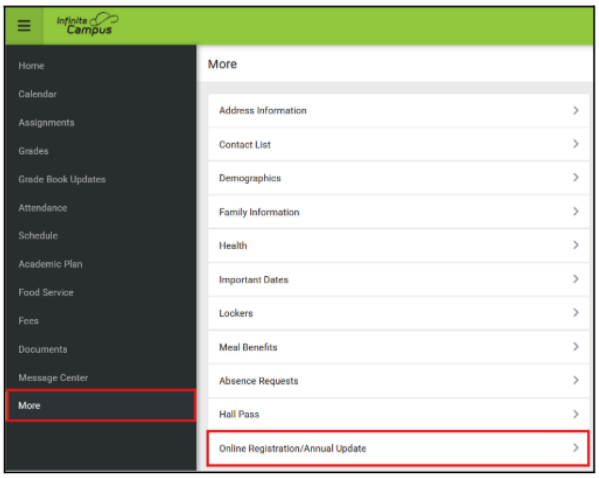
1. Log In:

- 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.

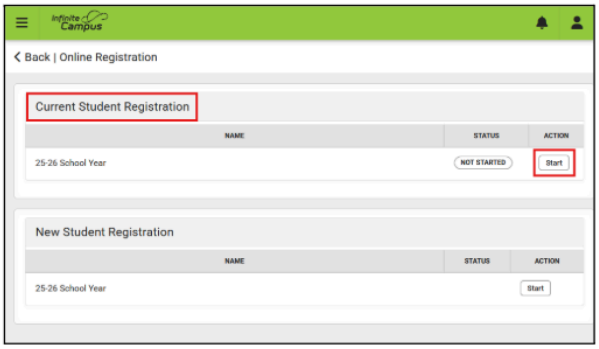


2. Annual Updates:

- Select **More** on the left hand side of the screen.
- Select **Online Registration/Annual Update.**



- 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.



Device Care Reminder: Sticker-Free District Issued Laptops

Stickers should not be placed directly on any District issued devices including Chromebooks and Windows laptops. If you choose to personalize your device, please use a vinyl cling or protective case to avoid damaging the device. Stickers often leave behind adhesive residue that is difficult to remove and can damage the surface of the laptop. This not only affects the appearance and condition of the device but also lowers its resale value, which impacts our ability to reinvest in our students. When devices are returned, we expect them to be completely sticker-free. Please take a moment to remove any stickers currently on your device to help us preserve its condition.

Community Flu Shot Clinic

For adults & children
Saturday, October 25th
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
NevillePublic Museum
210 Museum Pl, Green Bay, WI

BLOCK the FLU

STREU'S PHARMACY Bay Natural | NorthEast Wisconsin Community Clinic | Public Health Prevent. Promote. Protect. Brown County Health & Human Services

Donations Needed for Troy's House

New Items:
- Deodorant
- Body wash
- Socks
- Underwear

New or Gently Used items:
- Sweats
- Sweatshirts
- School supplies

Northeast Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship

Students Can Explore Their Future with Youth Apprenticeship!

Is your student ready to jumpstart their career before graduation? Youth Apprenticeship programs give high school students the chance to gain real-world experience in high-demand fields like healthcare, manufacturing, IT, and more—all while earning school credit *and* a paycheck!

Students will work alongside industry professionals, build valuable skills, and get a head start on college or a career. Whether your student is exploring new interests or building a resume, a youth apprenticeship could be their next big move.

Student already have a job? Great news—their current position might qualify as a Youth Apprenticeship placement!

Reach out to Danielle Wahlen, Youth Apprenticeship Coach
dkwahlen@gbaps.org
call or text 920-873-3057

The Salvation Army of Greater Green Bay's Coats for Kids program serves children in Brown County ages 0-18

*Registration is open from **October 1st – October 20h**

Click here to register

Follow these steps to register:

- Go to https://thesalvationarmywi.regfox.com/green-bay-coats-for-kids-2025
- You will need an email address to complete the application so be sure you have your email address available. PLEASE ENTER CAREFULLY as this is your only form of confirmation for pick up days and times.
- Once you submit your application, the system will immediately provide you a confirmation email.
- You will be sent an email regarding your scheduled pick-up time after October 20th.

  Please keep this email for your records as you will need to provide it on Distribution Day.
- You must have your photo ID and the confirmation email when you come to pick out your coats.

GREEN BAY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Personal Architects
Communicators and Connectors
Leaders and Teammates
Academic Achievers
Empowered Navigators
PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE



Coats Distribution Days:
Friday November 7th 3:30PM-6:30PM
and
Saturday November 8th 9AM-2PM

The Salvation Army Kroc Center
1315 Lime Kiln Road

If you have questions, please call (920)497-7053.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 10th