

BLACKHAWK BEAT

JANUARY 2026
#WESTISBEST

ATHLETICS:

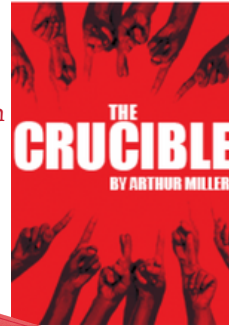


- Friday, Jan. 2 - G V Wrestling, QUAD, 10am
- Tuesday, Jan. 6 - G V Basketball vs Elgin, 7pm
- Thursday, Jan. 8 - G V Bowling vs Fenton, 4pm; B V Bowling vs Glenbard Coop, 4pm
- Friday, Jan. 9 - G & B V Basketball vs East Aurora, 5:30 & 7pm
- Saturday, Jan. 10 - B V Swim/Dive - Blackhawk Invite at Vaughn, 9am
- Sunday, Jan. 11 - V Cheer at Buffalo Grove; V Dance at Maine East
- Monday, Jan. 12 - G V Bowling vs South Elgin, 4pm; G V Basketball vs Ridgewood, 7pm
- Tuesday, Jan. 13 - G V Basketball vs Streamwood, 7pm
- Wednesday, Jan. 14 - G & B V Wrestling vs Elgin, 5:30pm
- Thursday, Jan. 15 - G V Bowling vs Streamwood, 4pm
- Friday, Jan. 16 - B V Basketball vs Bartlett, 7pm
- Saturday, Jan. 17 - B V Basketball vs Plainfield East, 5pm
- Tuesday, Jan. 20 - B V Swim/Dive vs Bartlett at IMSA, 5pm; G V Basketball vs Metea Valley, 7pm
- Thursday, Jan. 22 - B V Wrestling vs Hinsdale South, 5:30pm
- Sunday, Jan. 25 - V Cheer at Huntley, 8am
- Monday, Jan. 26 - G V Bowling vs Larkin, 4pm
- Tuesday, Jan. 27 - B V Swim/Dive vs South Elgin, 5pm; G V Basketball vs South Elgin, 7pm
- Thursday, Jan. 29 - G V Bowling vs Glenbard Coop, 4pm
- Friday, Jan. 30 - B V Basketball vs Ridgewood, 7pm
- Saturday, Jan. 31 - G V Basketball vs Neuqua Valley, 12:30pm

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Friday, January 9

Hot Chocolate



Lower Cafe, 7am to 7:20am



Purchase tickets: sd129tickets.org



NEW YEAR brings New Opportunities

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

- Monday, Jan. 5 - Back to school from Winter Break
- Thursday, Jan. 15 - Winter Play - The Crucible, 7 pm
- Friday, Jan. 16 - Winter Play - The Crucible, 7pm
- Saturday, Jan. 17, Winter Play - The Crucible, 7 pm
- Monday, Jan. 19 - NO SCHOOL, MLK Day
- Tuesday, Jan. 20 - NO SCHOOL for Students, SIP Day
- Wednesday, Jan. 21 - Open House, Class of 2030
- Thursday, Jan. 22 - HOSA Blood Drive
- Monday, Jan. 26 thru 30 - Proud to be a Blackhawk Week



A week long celebration sparking excitement, building community, and showcase the pride within our school!

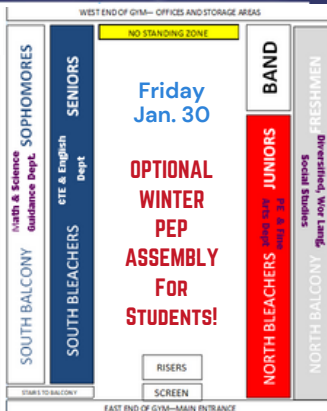
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JANUARY 26 THRU 30, 2026

Winter Pep Assembly Bell Schedule Friday, Jan. 30

Period	7:35	8:15
Period 1	7:35	8:15
Period 2	8:20	9:03
Period 3	9:08	9:48
Period 4A	9:53	10:11
Period 4B	10:16	10:34
Period 5A	10:39	10:57
Period 5B	11:02	11:20
Period 6A	11:25	11:43
Period 6B	11:48	12:06
Period 7A	12:11	12:29
Period 7B	12:34	12:52
Period 8	12:57	1:37
Pep Assembly	1:47	2:57

Buses leave at 2:57



SCHOOL PRIDE
Learning about the rich history of WAHS, along with our matriesaka, Blackhawk!

DAY OF RECOGNITION
Acknowledging what makes West Best

CAREER DAY
Learn from alumni about their post-high school journeys, explore potential career pathways, and begin reflecting on your passions.

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY
Celebrating and exploring the diverse backgrounds of the students and staff that make up West High.

Blackhawk Pride

Learn the words to our Alma Mater & Roll On



AFJROTC	HOSA
Alianza Hispana	Intramurals
Anime Club	Key Club
Automotive Club	Link Crew
AVID	Mathletes/Academic Challenge
Badminton - Girls	Mental Health Awareness Club
Baseball	National Art Honor Society
Basketball - Boys	National Honor Society
Basketball - Girls	Newspaper Club
Bass Fishing Team	Operation Snowball
Biblical Escape (BE)	PAWS
Black Student Union (BSU)	Photography Club
Book Club	Poms/Dance
Bowling - Boys	Pride Club
Bowling - Girls	Puzzle Cube Club
Breakthrough	Saving Our World (SOW)
Broadcasting Club	Scholastic Bowl
Building and Trades Club	Scientific Research Club
BPA	Skills USA
Cheerleading	Soccer-Boys
Chess Team	Soccer-Girls
Choir	Softball
Clay Club	Spanish Club
Coding Club	Spanish Honor Society
Creative Media Club	Stage Crew
Creative Writing Club	StellarXplorers/Engineering Club
Crochet Club	Step Team
Cross Country - Boys/Girls	Student Council
Drafting Club	Swim/Dive - Boys/Girls
Drama Club/Muses	Tennis-Boys
Educators Rising	Tennis-Girls
Empowered Women of the Future	Track & Field-Boys
eSports	Track & Field-Girls
FCCLA	Upward Bound
Flag Football	Volleyball-Boys
Football	Volleyball-Girls

#GetInvolved



Learn about who **Blackhawk** was and how we became the 'Home of the Blackhawks' by watching the video. Scan the QR code:



Clubs are fluid and students can join at any TIME! Take a chance in 2026 and join one of the 80+ activities we have at WEST! Don't see something you like, talk to Mrs. Kegarise in the Student Activities Office about starting up something NEW!

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MEET OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES, MR. ESCHMAN



Hello! My name is Patrick Eschman, and I am honored to serve as the Assistant Principal of Student Services here at West Aurora High School. I joined West in 2016 as a teacher in the self-contained program for students with emotional disorders and later served as a Dean of Students before stepping into my current role.

My educational journey began at Eastern Illinois University, and I continued my studies by earning a master's degree in Teaching and Learning from the University of St. Francis, followed by a second master's degree in Educational Leadership from the American College of Education.

I am a dedicated supporter of West High sports and activities, and you'll often find me at after-school events cheering on our Blackhawks. I truly enjoy being part of this vibrant, committed community.

I look forward to partnering with students and families, helping every Blackhawk feel supported and empowered to grow as resilient, connected, and accountable learners.

AT WEST AURORA HIGH SCHOOL, WE ENSURE THAT ALL GRADUATES ARE ACADEMICALLY PREPARED WITH ESSENTIAL SKILLS AND MINDSETS TO EMPOWER THEM AS THEY ENTER THEIR CHOSEN POST-SECONDARY PATH.

Your attendance matters—and so does the mindset you bring with you!

RESILIENT

Blackhawks keep showing up, even when it's hard.

Students who are:

RESILIENT

- Start each day with a fresh mindset and try again after setbacks.
- Return to school after an absence ready to catch up and re-engage.
- Ask for help when challenges (sleep, transportation, stress, workload) get in the way.
- Use routines to build steady attendance habits.
- Notice their own progress and take pride in improvement.

ACCOUNTABLE

Blackhawks take responsibility for being present and prepared.

Students who are:

ACCOUNTABLE

- Arrive to class on time and ready to learn.
- Keep track of their own attendance and understand how it affects their progress.
- Communicate with teachers or families when they will be gone.
- Follow through on make-up work after absences.
- Work to prevent patterns of tardiness or missed classes.

CONNECTED

Blackhawks build relationships that make them want to show up.

Students who are:

CONNECTED

- Build positive relationships with peers and adults.
- Understand that they are missed when they are absent.
- Engage in classroom communities where their presence matters.
- Participate in school events, activities, and routines that strengthen belonging.
- Seek out trusted adults when they need support.

At West High, Blackhawks show up! Being **Resilient** means bouncing back from setbacks. Being **Accountable** means owning your attendance and your work. Being **Connected** means building relationships and getting involved. Together, these habits help every Blackhawk succeed and feel like they belong.



8th Grade OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 21, 2026
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Check out the 2025-26 Course Catalog

