



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

District's investment in technology and infrastructure improves functionality, how students learn

Through the 2023 Bond Program, the district is investing in significant infrastructure upgrades and reimagined learning spaces that reflect how Laker students learn today and how they will learn in the future.

One of the most transformative projects now underway is the creation of new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) and Career Technical Education (CTE) learning environments, along with a dedicated receiving area addition to improve building operations. Together, these projects are designed to elevate hands-on, project-based learning while improving the overall functionality of the school.

The design was developed through a highly collaborative process involving TMP Architecture, AUCH Construction, district curriculum leaders, high school administration, teaching staff, and industry partners such as IST and FANUC Robotics. This intentional partnership ensured the spaces align with current programming while remaining flexible enough to support future instructional innovation for our Lakers.

The project includes a new addition at the southwest corner of the building that extends West Bloomfield High School's wave design along the front façade. Inside, the open-concept STEAM lab will serve as a hub for

creativity, collaboration and problem-solving, featuring a dedicated space for a full robotics program, including a full robotics competition practice field, alongside flexible studios for engineering, design and technology-based learning.

In parallel, the district is actively working on the furniture and equipment package that will bring these spaces to life. This effort is being led in collaboration with educators Kelli Mattson, Buddy Muylaert, James Shaw, and Principal Eric Pace, ensuring the environment is intentionally designed around instruction, student engagement and real-world application.

These investments reflect West Bloomfield's commitment to creating modern, inspiring spaces that prepare Lakers not just for graduation, but for the careers and challenges that await them beyond our walls. We are deeply grateful to our community for their continued support, as projects of this scale and impact would not be possible without it.

As always, we welcome questions, feedback and conversation, and encourage our community to reach out at any time.

Yours in Education,
Dania H. Bazzi, PhD
Superintendent

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

April 23-25: WBHS Spring Musical – Bye, Bye Birdie
April 25: Laker Bot, FIRST Lego League at WBMS
May 2: Robotics Atomic Glow at WBMS
May 2: West Bloomfield Educational Foundation Fundraiser at Edgewood Country Club

May 12: WBHS Orchestra Spring Concert
May 13: WBHS Choir Pops Concert
May 16: Kiddie Kite Day
May 25: No School, Memorial Day
May 27: WBHS Graduation at Pine Knob
June 5: Half Day – Students' Last Day
June 8: Teachers Last Day – Records Day

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DAR GOOD CITIZENS

Congratulations to **Zoe Johnston**, senior at **Oakland Early College** and **Maya Klepaski**, senior at **West Bloomfield High School**, recipients of the DAR Good Citizen Award. The **DAR Good Citizen Award** recognizes and rewards individuals who possess good citizenship qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools and communities.



CHORAL FESTIVAL

West Bloomfield High School hosted more than 1,000 students from 20 different middle and high schools from southeast Michigan for the MSVMA District 4 Solo and Ensemble Choral Festival.

Every event that West Bloomfield High School entered received a first division rating (I), including the Laker Express Men's Ensemble, Chorale, and Laker Express Women's Ensemble under the direction of Jolene Plotzke.

LIFELONG LEARNING AND STAFF MILESTONES



Farqad Alfatlawy, ELD instructional coach/WBHS ELD teacher, graduated from the University of Michigan Dearborn with a doctoral degree in educational leadership. Her dissertation is titled, "Instructional Coaching and Family Partnerships: Empowering Teachers and Parents to Support the Academic Growth of Arab and Middle Eastern Multilingual Learners."



Dr. Crystal Jabiro earned her Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) from Indiana Wesleyan University. Dr. Jabiro's specialization is in race, ethnicity and culture, and her dissertation, "The Ethnic Identity Development of Chaldean American Youth in the Ethnoburbs," explores cultural identity and preservation within the diaspora.



Cue the confetti! West Bloomfield School District proudly congratulates WBHS teacher, Jennifer Sepetys, on earning her PhD in Education: Educational Leadership from Oakland University.

Beginning in September 2020, Dr. Sepetys' doctoral research focused on student mental health, culminating in a four-year longitudinal mixed-methods case study titled, "The Impact of a Semester-Long Positive Psychology Course on High School Students' Mental Health and Well-Being."

2026 GREATER WEST BLOOMFIELD MICHIGAN WEEK COMMUNITY AWARDS BREAKFAST

Friday, May 8, 2026, at Temple Israel at 7 a.m.
Tickets on sale: www.michiganweek.org
Greater West Bloomfield volunteers give their time, talent and personal resources on a daily basis without regard for recognition or promotion. We invite you to help us celebrate and recognize these individuals and organizations that serve our community year-round.





ROBOTICS

The WBMS Robogators team spent time giving back as part of its community service outreach. They made plarn (plastic yarn) for Disaster Relief at Work (DRAW). DRAW responds to floods, hurricanes and tornadoes around the United States by providing supplies and volunteer services to help disaster victims take their first steps back toward normalcy. Thank you to our coaches for encouraging community outreach.



Photo credit: Brenden Doyle, WBHS Junior

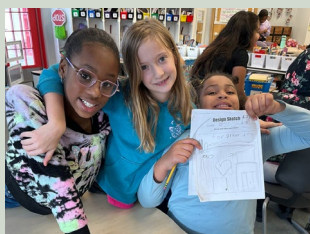


TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

West Bloomfield High School hosted a Schools to Tools mobile field trip to explore skilled trades and connect with industry professionals. Thank you to Mrs. Noelle Essig, college and career counselor, and the CTE team, for providing opportunities for all student pathways!

DAY OF DESIGN

All four elementary schools participated in the Michigan Design Prize Challenge to create a furniture concept that provides a solution for specific uses for individuals with unique needs. Middle school students visited to lend a hand.



WBHS Presents
BYEBYE BIRDIE

A Musical Comedy Book by
Michael Stewart
Music by
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Lyrics by
Lee Adams
Originally Produced by
Edward Padul

April
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West Bloomfield Highschool
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FREE ADMISSION FOR RESIDENTS 65+

Laker Senior Gold Cards are available for West Bloomfield School District residents aged 65 and over to attend plays, athletic games and musical performances free of charge. Cards are available at district schools and the ACS Office at 5810 Commerce Road.



DECA DISTRICT 6 CONFERENCE

West Bloomfield High School earned 22 awards!

Twenty-nine students will compete in the state conference in March. Best of luck! DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.



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BOWLING

West Bloomfield Boys Bowling Team High Average Award and Oakland Activities Association (OAA) white division champions, OAA tournament champs, and more!

A special recognition to Coach Watts for his outstanding leadership and dedication to our student-athletes. We are also proud to celebrate the accolades earned by the team!

Congratulations to Junior Brenden Doyle on the varsity bowling team for bowling a perfect 300 game against North Farmington. An outstanding accomplishment and the only perfect game in the OAA this season!

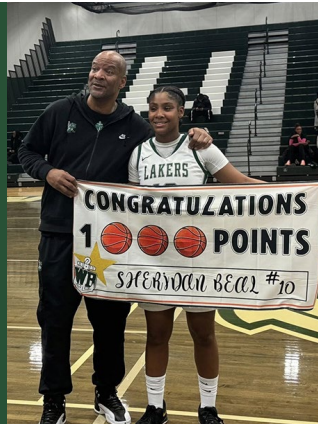


UNIFIED BASKETBALL

Thank you to our coaches, Jed Jones and Jen Kozicki, for providing an inclusive basketball experience for all team members.

WBHS VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Senior Sheridan Beal reached a major career milestone – scoring her 1,000th career point for Laker Nation – during a win against Clarkston High School, 62-52.



WRESTLING

Congratulations to Wrestling Coach Greg Alessi for receiving a well-deserved Lifetime Achievement Award!



Since 1988, Coach Alessi has dedicated decades to building opportunities for student-athletes to learn, grow and gain confidence both on and off the mat. From hosting countless tournaments and district events to always doing what's best for the sport, his leadership and commitment are unmatched.

West Bloomfield School District is incredibly grateful for Coach Alessi's passion, dedication and the lasting standard of excellence he has set.



West Bloomfield School District is proud to announce that Athletic Director Eric Pierce has been named the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) Region 11 Athletic Director of the Year, a well-deserved honor recognizing his exceptional leadership, dedication and lasting impact on student athletics.

Photo credit: Brenden Doyle, junior at WBHS

CELEBRATING STUDENT ATHLETES

Congratulations to all the student-athletes who signed letters of intent to play college athletics:

- Amani Agott, Tennessee Tech University – volleyball
- Sheridan Beal, University of North Alabama – basketball
- Ezekiel Davis, University of Olivet – football
- Joel Davis, University of Olivet – football
- Willie Edwards, Lawrence Tech University – football
- Elizabeth Eichbrecht, Indiana University – swimming
- Kyren Merriewether, Hope College – football
- Kamari Pittman, Saginaw Valley State University – football
- Kaliq Robinson, Davenport University – football
- Jamal Shakespear, University of Findlay – football
- Connor Strong, Adrian College – baseball
- Kamryn Tatum, University of Illinois – track



WBHS ALUM SPOTLIGHT ON Jade Cook Class of 2012

LOOKING BACK ON YOUR TIME AT WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, WHAT EXPERIENCES OR MEMORIES STAND OUT TO YOU THE MOST?

Overall, I had a very positive and rewarding experience at West Bloomfield High School, both academically and through involvement with extracurricular activities.

One of my favorite experiences was being a member of the Poms team for all four years of high school. I built lasting friendships with my teammates, and looked forward to after-school practices and performing at football and basketball games. I remember also going to baseball games and hockey to support friends, and have great memories cheering classmates on.

The senior year traditions, such as the Powderpuff football game, were especially fun as it brought our class together and added excitement to our final year. Even just meeting up with friends in the atrium mornings before class was a fun way to connect with those whom I didn't share classes with.

Academically, the Medical Mentorship class was especially impactful, as it gave me the opportunity to shadow my former orthodontist and helped solidify my goal of pursuing a career in orthodontics.

I also got to spend my first two years of high school with my older brother and we even had a weightlifting class

together. It was a lot of fun to get to spend time with him during high school, even just running into each other in the hallways or at lunch.

WAS THERE A TEACHER, CLASS, AND/OR SUBJECT THAT HAD A LASTING IMPACT ON YOU, AND WHY?

Several of my former teachers had a lasting impact on me, but Mrs. Mulcahy, Mrs. Ismail and Mr. Abel were among my favorite teachers. Their passion for education was apparent and they had the ability to make even the most challenging lessons enjoyable.

All three of these teachers encouraged students to put in the hard work and often went the extra mile to help guide us to success. I remember attending an extra study session that Mr. Abel put on with our AP Calc class to ensure we were ready for our exam. While we were all stressed, he still managed to make the session lighthearted and, of course, extremely helpful.

I have had many teachers and professors throughout my different levels of education, and it is rare to find someone who is able to present the information in a digestible and coherent way, while connecting with students using empathy and kindness.

WHAT LESSONS OR SKILLS DID WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL HELP YOU DEVELOP THAT YOU STILL USE TODAY?

I was able to develop and set the foundation for good study habits through my AP classes. This helped as I transitioned into my undergraduate studies and into a more rigorous schedule. Taking AP classes also taught me the importance of time management, as I learned to balance academics, extracurricular activities and time with friends and family.

These were all important skills throughout the 11 years of schooling I went through after high school, and they continue to play an important role in my life today.

Additionally, being on the Poms team taught me about working with others for a common goal, and being the

captain of the JV Poms team provided me with a leadership opportunity. These are very important skills to have as an orthodontist because I must act as a leader in the clinic daily. However, I am also a part of a team and cannot be successful without the support of all of the staff that I work with.

HOW HAS YOUR APPRECIATION FOR WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CHANGED OR GROWN SINCE GRADUATING?

I look back fondly on my time at West Bloomfield High School since graduating and often talk about those days when I get together with my friends I made in high school. While it could sometimes be difficult to appreciate in the moment, WBHS provided a balance of a good education with quality educators, ample opportunities for extracurricular activities and a great deal of school spirit.

I truly appreciate my years at WBHS and continue to be proud to be a Laker. After high school, I went to the University of Michigan for the rest of my schooling and my Laker spirit shined as I cheered on the Lakers who became a part of the Michigan football team, like Donovan Edwards, Semaj Morgan and even Coach Bellamy.

IN WHAT WAYS DID BEING A LAKER HELP SHAPE WHO YOU ARE PERSONALLY OR PROFESSIONALLY?

In the past few years, I have met several people who went to WBHS, and even if we weren't in the same graduating class our shared history of being students at WBHS has provided a sense of community and formed a connection between us.

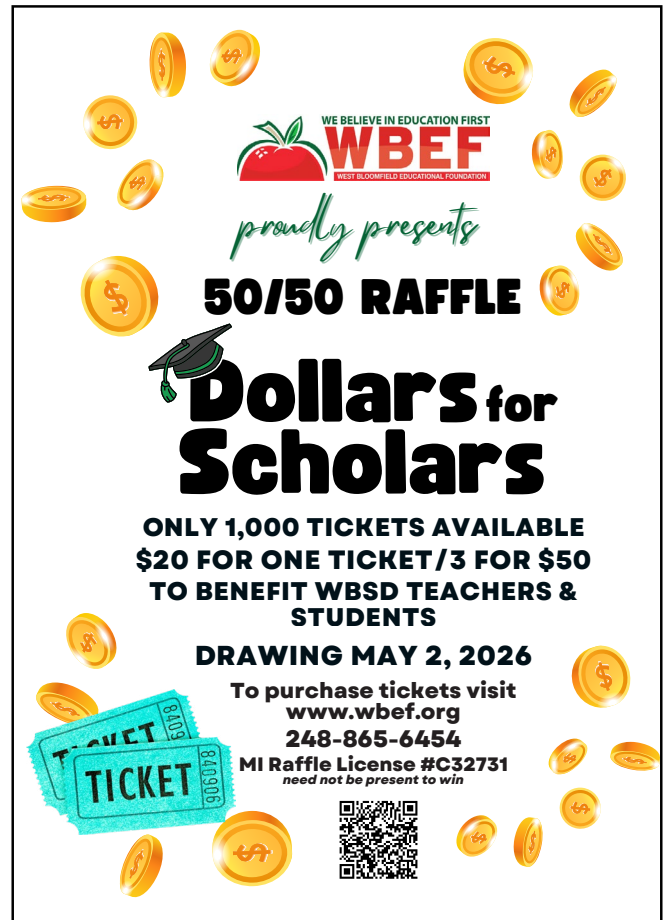
My husband is also a Laker, and although he graduated a few years before me we enjoy talking about WBHS history – like the fashion show – and teachers we had in common.

Additionally, after my orthodontic training I moved back to the area and started my career at HBI Orthodontics. It has been wonderful to connect with patients and their parents who are Lakers, and those who will be future Lakers. It feels great to give back and work in the community that I grew up in.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO CURRENT WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AS THEY PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION, AND FRESHMEN AS THEY BEGIN HIGH SCHOOL?

My advice for seniors is to take advantage of all the school activities and celebrations surrounding your final year. Life truly moves so quickly, even more so as you get older, so enjoy these exciting times before you're out in the real world.

My advice for freshmen would be to get involved in both clubs and activities and do not be afraid to try something new. Having a multifaceted high school experience will undoubtedly positively impact how you approach the world and interact with others after high school, and if you plan on continuing your education, a well-rounded high school experience is crucial during the college admissions process. WBHS certainly provides a wonderful foundation to build those experiences.



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WBSD Board Meetings are held in the iCenter at West Bloomfield High School at 7 p.m. Board Study Sessions are held at 6:30 p.m., in the ACS building, 5810 Commerce Road.

April 6 - Board Study Session
April 20 - Board Meeting
May 4 - Board Study Session
May 18 - Board Meeting
June 8 - Board Study Session
June 15 - Board Workshop
June 22 - Board Meeting

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