



NEWS RELEASE

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The End of An Era: 2026 Homecoming Week is the Final Football Showdown of West Bend East vs West Bend West Homecoming Week is October 5-10

WEST BEND — As the students, staff, families, alumni, and community members of the West Bend School District look forward to an exciting future with one high school, this is the final Homecoming Week that features West Bend East versus West Bend West.

Throughout the week, there are fun dress-up days at all of the West Bend School District schools. The first East vs West athletic matchups during Homecoming Week will be on Thursday, October 8:

- Boys varsity soccer at 6:30 p.m. (West is the home team)
- Girls varsity volleyball at 7 p.m. (East is the home team)
- Girls JV1 and JV 2 volleyball at 5:15 p.m.
- Purchase tickets at the door or on GoFan at gofan.co (Enter West Bend East or West Bend West in GoFan.)

The Homecoming parade will begin at 4:15 p.m. on Friday, October 9. The parade begins at the corner of Decorah Road and Lincoln Drive W in West Bend, moves east on Decorah Road, and ends in the west parking lot of the high schools building. In addition to floats from East and West athletic teams and co-curricular activities, this year there will be participation from various East and West graduating classes and from Decorah and Fair Park Elementary Schools.

The West Bend High Schools Athletic Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will begin at the Carl Pick Stadium (high school football field) at 6:40 pm. The Class of 2026 inductees include Evan Albrecht, Grace Baumann, Dave Bloomier, Brad Geldnich, Bob Liebetrau, Tricia Wiedmeyer Schutz, and Celina Wanta Walker.

The varsity football game between West and East begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 9. West is the home team. Parking is available on the east, west, and south sides of the high schools building and across River Road near the high school baseball and soccer fields. Shuttle vans will be driving around the parking lots to take people to the main stadium gates. No parking is allowed anywhere on River Road. There will be fireworks at the end of the game.

Tickets for the game are available on GoFan (go.fan.co) prior to the game. Tickets can also be purchased at the entry gates with a debit or credit card. The charge to attend is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children, and seniors and students of the West Bend Schools are free.

The West Bend School District asks that anyone attending the game to carefully review the signs around the stadium and parking areas and see event workers for where to enter the stadium and where to sit. (Athletic event staff will be wearing neon yellow reflective vests.)

The Homecoming dance is for high school students only and is on Saturday, October 10 in the high schools fieldhouse.

The West Bend Joint School District #1 is proud to serve more than 5,000 students and their families from the city of West Bend, villages of Jackson and Newburg, and townships of Barton, Polk, Trenton, Jackson, West Bend, and Addison. We strive to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts, and co-curricular activities. Within our community-based 4K program, Head Start program, five elementary schools (K-4), one intermediate school (5-6), one middle school (7-8), and two high schools (9-12), families can expect a caring, inclusive learning environment that supports the development of the whole child. Visit wbsd-schools.org for more information.

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