Trojan Times

October 2026

Administration

Principal: *Mike Whisler*
Associate Principal (Student Support A-L): *Tori Adkins*
Associate Principal (Student Support M-Z): *Dana Osowski*
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

*Please see **page 8** for ways to connect with any member of the Southwest team.*

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Dates to Know...

Oct. 15, 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences *(3:30-7pm)*
Oct. 27 - Choir Concert *(7pm)*
Oct. 30 - No School, Conference Conversion Day

Nov. 1: A Christmas Carol Tickets Go For Sale
Nov. 2-6 - National School Psychology Week
Nov. 4 - Forencis Information Meeting
Nov. 5 - Band/Orchestra Concert *(7pm)*
Nov. 13 - Trojan Pride Spirit Wear Day
Nov. 21: Booster Club Craft Fair *(9am-2pm)*
Nov. 25 Parent/Teacher Conferences *(7:30-11:30am)*
Nov. 25, 26, 27 - No School, Fall Break

Dec. 3: Blood Drive
Dec. 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13: Musical, A Christmas Carol
Dec. 13: Trojan Pride Spirit Wear Day
Dec. 16: Band/Orchestra Concert *(7pm)*
Dec. 21: Choir Concert *(7pm)*
Dec. 24 - Jan. 1: No School, Winter Recess

Jan. 4: Return to School

See page 7 for more info

Parent-Teacher Conferences

BOOK NOW

October 15 & 20
3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 25
7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Mental Well-Being Resources

You are valued. You matter.
& so does your mental well-being!
Click "HERE" for available resources created by our Social Workers to support you 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.*





Staff and students participated in after school Homecoming activities.





September 30th is known as "Orange Shirt Day" or "Truth and Reconciliation Day". It is a day to remember the Indigenous children lost to residential schools, boarding schools, and honor the survivors. It's to remind us that Every Child Matters.





EVERY CHILD MATTERS



Fox River Monitoring students collecting lab data on the stream quality in Duck Creek in July.



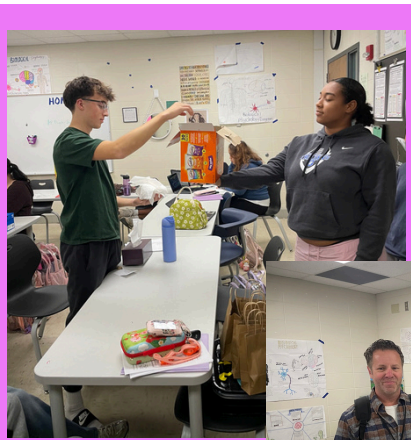
Southwest AVID Students celebrated National AVID Day together on Friday, 9/18



Southwest StingCancer is so thankful for the $256 donation from the Live Like Nelson Memorial Kickball Tournament.
#togetherwewillstingcancer



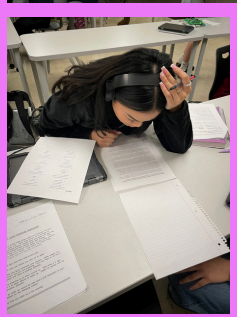














Students created sensory challenges in Ms. O'Neill's class and then participated in each others



A Message from Principal Whisler

Digital Safety & the Dangers of Sextortion: Recording Available

Online risks are constantly evolving, and staying informed is critical to keeping our students safe. This past week, our district, along with several neighboring Green Bay area districts, co-hosted a vital community presentation event titled **Digital Safety & The Dangers of Sextortion.**

If you were unable to attend the event but are interested in the topic, you are invited to view a recording of the event. *Please note the recording contains sensitive content and is just over an hour in length.*



Resource Spotlight: Take It Down (NCMEC) - *If an explicit image or video of a minor has been shared or threatened to be shared online, help is available.*

Take It Down is a free, confidential service operated by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC). It allows youth, parents, or trusted adults to create unique digital fingerprints (hashes) of explicit images or videos directly from their own device without uploading the actual media. Online platforms use these hashes to detect, remove, and prevent the spread of explicit content involving minors.
Learn more about keeping kids safe online within this poster.



Brown County Martin Luther King Jr. K-12 Poster/Essay Contest

Everyone is encouraged to participate!

Theme: "The Power of Us: Unity in Community"
📅 Deadline: November 20, 2026, by noon

Students in grades K-12 can respond to the theme through art, creative writing, or narrative.

The entry form with full contest details is linked below:
SPANISH ENTRY FORM
ENGLISH ENTRY FORM

Traffic Tip

If you have a student driver, please park in a designated parking spot to allow your student enough time to safely exit the vehicle.
Thank you for your cooperation!

For more information about the GBAPS 2026 Operational Referendum, please visit:
2026 Operational Referendum; Vote Nov. 3



How can I Support Southwest?

Are you looking at how you can make an impact at Southwest High School? Please consider:

- Volunteering with our Booster Club - especially with concession stands
- Donating supplies for classrooms - facial tissue, copy paper, office supplies are always welcome
- Assist school administration with social media post design and content
- Consider donating to various projects and initiatives that support our students, staff, and families
- Join the Family Connection Network and attend the monthly meetings!

If you are looking for ways to donate time, items, or funding, please reach out to the Main Office and/or Principal Whisler for more information.



Keep Your Student on Track in Middle and High School

Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's social and academic development. Even as children grow more independent, **families play a key role** in making sure students get to school and understand how attendance benefits their health and success in school and beyond.

Did you know?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is **losing interest** in school, **dealing with a bully** or facing some other difficulty.
- By **6th grade**, chronic absence (missing 10%, or 2 days each month) is one of **three signs that a student may drop out of high school.**
- By **9th grade**, attendance is a **better predictor of graduation** rates than 8th grade test scores.

What you can do

Make school attendance a priority

- **Talk about** the **opportunities** available when your teen or preteen shows up to school every day.
- Help your middle and high schoolers maintain **daily routines**, such as finishing homework and getting enough sleep.
- Consider **limiting** use of **devices** if they interfere with sleep.
- Try not to schedule **nonurgent medical appointments** during the school day.
- Help your student to stay **healthy**.
- If your children must stay home because they are **sick**, make sure they have **asked teachers for materials** to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your student stay engaged

- **Find out** if your children **feel engaged** by their classes and whether they **feel safe** from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your students are not missing class because of challenges with **behavioral issues** or **school discipline policies.** If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- **Monitor** your child's academic progress and seek help from teachers, school counselors or tutors when necessary. Provide teachers with your **contact information.**
- Stay on top of your child's **social contacts**. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful **after-school activities**, including sports and clubs.
- **If** you notice signs of **anxiety**, support your middle and high schoolers, and if needed, **seek advice** from your school or health-care provider.

Communicate with the school

- **Know** the school's **attendance policies** both incentives and penalties.
- **Check** on your preteen/teen's **attendance** to make sure absences are not adding up.
- **Seek help** from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need resources and support.



Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!

October 2025

Graduation Information

A cap & gown must be worn to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Cap & Gown sales are January 26 & 27, 2027 (lunch hours).

NOW OPEN

Order online! You don't have to wait for in-person sales to order your student's cap & gown package. Order online now through this link!

CLASS OF 2027 GRADUATION

Saturday, May 22, 2027 | 4:00 p.m.

Kress Events Center

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

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





DUE: January 15, 2027

Families of Seniors -
Submit a Yearbook Senior Grad Ad!

Create a yearbook ad to celebrate your student's remarkable journey!
1/8 page - $35
1/4 page - $60
1/2 page - $100

Visit jostensadservice.com/student and click on "CREATE A STUDENT AD" to order. View this flier for more information.

Proceeds from ad sales help support our school's yearbook program. We appreciate your contribution!

DUE: February 28, 2027.

Student Services Information

9TH GRADE PLANNING CONFERENCES:
SEPTEMBER 28TH-NOVEMBER 20TH

The SWHS Counseling Team cordially invites families and guardians to set up a 9th grade Individual Student Planning Conference.

Let's partner to discuss your student's comprehensive 4-year plan and future goals!

Don't wait – Email Jennifer Anderson to set up your meeting!

Parent Letter

Student Planning Resources

Order a Southwest Yearbook

Student Services Calendar of Events

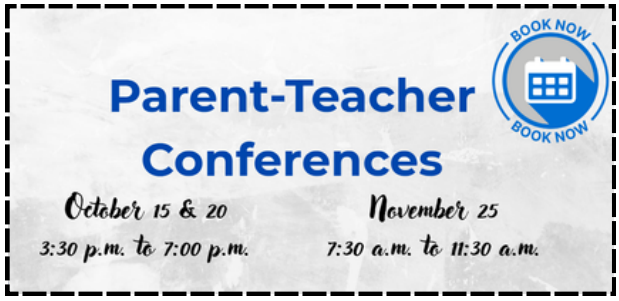
Notes From the School Nurses

A Nurse's Guide for When to Stay Home From School





Schedule Parent-Teacher Conferences



Schedule today! Fall 2026 Parent-Teacher Conferences are just around the corner. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to meet with your student's teachers in person during the available conference times. This is a great chance to discuss your student's progress, ask questions, and work together to support their continued growth and success.

Southwest will continue to use eduSched, an online scheduling software, to schedule Parent-Teacher Conferences for this semester. EduSched enables you to sign up for conferences when it best fits your schedule and can also be used to print a list of your scheduled conferences. It is mobile-friendly and easy to use.

eduSched Directions for Parents

Instructions for logging in and scheduling conferences are attached below. The scheduling window is now open and will close on November 25, 2026.

If you don't have access to the internet (via cell phone, computer, or the public library), or if you experience any problems, please contact our Main Office at 920-492-2650 for assistance.

Golden Apple Awards: Nominate a Teacher

Do you know a deserving licensed educational teacher or team that you would like to nominate for the Golden Apple Awards?
Nominations are now open and due October 28th at 3:00 p.m.

- Nominate online here (English)
- Nominate online here (Spanish)



Southwest Forensics Team Opportunity

Our **High School Forensics Team** is one of the fastest growing and most impactful opportunities in our Southwest High School Community.
If your child wants to *improve public speaking skills and have fun* while doing it, please consider having them join our forensics team.
Practices are flexible, so there are no conflicts with other extracurriculars.
There are three total competitions that participants can qualify for:

1. *Subdistrict* (mid to late February),
2. *District* (mid March), and
3. *State at UW-Madison* (2nd week of April).





The first student informational meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 4th right after school in room 4625. If students cannot attend but are interested, please reach out to Coach Amy Amschler or Coach Steve Mellberg for more info.

Students of the Month

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.

JUSTUS DORAN
ADREYA LONG (DRE)
RAINNA SCHNEIDER
LUNA JENSEN
CAYLE HAYNES
SAM BERES
BARRETT HURST
WILL VALLIERE
LIAM MCCABE

MMEMA NGENA
JACOB FISHER
LENA ENGELBRETSON
ADYSON WEBSTER
TAZ MCNEAL
HUNTER MURDOCK
ZAKIAH JULIAN
ARDEN INRASAVONGSA
JACK NELSON

Important GBAPS Information

Canvas Observer Account Information

Middle & High Schools - if you have not yet shared the information about how families can setup observer accounts, please send it to them. The information can be found on the district website. The information also includes the unique setup for families who are also GBAPS staff members. Please use whatever communication format is usual for your school. We are starting to see a handful of Helpdesk tickets from families, so there is demand for the information.

Accident Insurance

Message to include: As a service to students and their families, GBAPS is making available an optional student accident insurance plan for your child at a very nominal cost. The district offers this program because of trends in rising family health and dental insurance costs, increased deductibles, co-payments, or lack of health or dental insurance coverage. Coverage and enrollment information is available at gbaps.org/enroll.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Guide

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.

Click the below for more information:
Account Creation and Password Self-Service (Parent Portal)
Navigating Parent Portal

Connect With A Staff Member

On the Southwest Who's Who, you can find email addresses and phone numbers to connect with administration and/or Student Services. For all other staff, please see the Southwest Staff Directory.

Want to connect with school administration?

- Please call the Main Office at 920-492-2650 to schedule an appointment. This will help us ensure that we are providing the best service possible to the students and families of Southwest High School.
- School administrators are always available via email. Find email addresses in the Southwest Who's Who (below).

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.
- Click to view the staff directory to obtain contact information for specific staff members.

Administration

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

Principal

Mr. Michael Whisler
Email Michael

Athletic & Activities Director

Mr. Chris Williams
Email Chris

Associate Principals

Ms. Tori Adkins
Student Support A-L
Email Tori


Ms. Dana Osowski
Student Support M-Z
Email Dana

Career Center

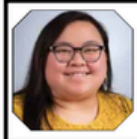
Phone Number: 920-518-3775

Career Center Coordinator

Ms. Jamie Komorowski
Email Jamie

Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator

Ms. Danielle Wahlen
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920-873-3057

Career Coach - UWGB

Ms. Lisa Kong
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920-518-3767

Southwest High School
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CLICK for the downloadable version of Southwest Who's Who?

Student Services

Phone Number: 920-492-2652

Counselors

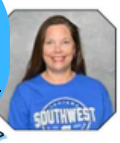
Ms. Amanda Millan
Student Support A-E
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920-492-2719


Elizabeth Mueller
Student Support M-R, Z
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920-492-2717

Counselors

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


Ms. Ying-Jing Vang
Student Support S-Y
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920-492-2716

Social Workers

Ms. Janine Walch Blohowiak
Student Support A-L
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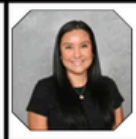

Ms. Anna Van Schyndel
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Email Anna
920-492-2709

Social Worker

Ms. Sandra Gomez
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920-448-2021

Spec Ed Lead Teacher

Mr. Jon Wiegert
Email Jon
920-614-9279

Psychologist

Ms. Kennedy Metoxen
Email Kennedy
920-518-3763

Registrar

Ms. Ma Vang
Email Ma

Nurse

Ms. Bonnie Baranczyk
Email Bonnie
920-272-7638

Student Success Coach

Mr. Dimitri Moore
Email Dimitri



Scott Masarik
Physical Science Teacher

Pheng Vang
Monitor



Check out the year-round merchandise and purchase yours today!

CLICK HERE TO SHOP MERCH!





A Christmas Carol Tickets go on sale starting November 1 through TrojanMusical.com!

SOUTHWEST MUSIC DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

Thursday, December 3 at 6 p.m. **(GREEN CAST)**

Friday, December 4 at 7 p.m. **(RED CAST)**

Saturday, December 5 at 7 p.m. **(GREEN)**

Sunday, December 6 at 2 p.m. **(RED)**

Friday, December 11 at 7 p.m. **(GREEN)**

Saturday, December 12 at 2 p.m. **(GREEN)** & 7pm **(RED)**

Sunday, December 13 at 2 p.m. **(RED)**



