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West Bend School District UPDATE

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District News

Veterans Day Observance on November 11

The West Bend Veterans Honor Guard will hold its traditional Veterans Day program at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month—Tuesday, November 11, at 11 a.m. The 20-minute program will begin promptly at 10:45 a.m. on Veterans Plaza at the corner of 5th Avenue

and Poplar Street in West Bend. The observance will feature a veteran saying a brief statement and a moment of silence. At 11 a.m., a siren will sound and the West Bend Veterans Honor Guard will fire the traditional three round volley followed by the playing of TAPS.

In addition to activities such as special announcements and information on Veteran's Day, East and West High Schools continually show a video that was made by retired teacher Scott Mindel in tribute to all students and staff of the West Bend High Schools who have served in the armed forces. [View the tribute video.](#)

Two Holiday Events for Families

The East High School National Honor Society and the high schools Interact Club present **Parent Holiday Drop and Shop** on Saturday, December 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Drop off the kids ages 4-10 at Green Tree Elementary where the high school students will babysit while you Christmas shop. Kids will play games, make a holiday ornament, eat a provided lunch, and watch a movie. This event is open to all families in the community and the cost is \$20. **See the QR code on the image below to register before November 24 to reserve your spot.**

Back by popular demand: **Breakfast with Santa!** Join the high schools Culinary Program, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Club, and Key Club with your child(ren) for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 13 in the East High School cafeteria from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

In addition to Santa, the high school choir and orchestra students will provide musical entertainment. A parent or guardian must accompany any child(ren). This event is open to all families in the community, \$10 prior to the event and \$15 at the door. **See the QR code on the image below to purchase tickets.**

Sponsored by
West Bend East National Honor Society and Interact
Contact Ralph Schloss if you have questions (262) 335-5436

Parent Holiday DROP AND SHOP

Do you need someone to watch the little ones while you shop and get lunch? We've got you covered. Drop off your child so you can do your holiday shopping. We'll be playing games, making a holiday ornament, eating lunch (provided), and watching a movie. Bring tennis shoes to play in the gym. This event is open to all families in the community.

Ages: 4-10 years old

Cost: \$20

Click on the QR code before November 24 to reserve your spot. No walk ins.



Saturday

December 6, 2025

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Green Tree Elementary

1330 Green Tree Rd.

West Bend, WI 53090



Spots are limited!
Max: 30 children

RSVP TODAY!
Pre-registration due December 4

BREAKFAST

With Santa

Back by popular demand! Children will enjoy holiday activities, eat a delicious breakfast, and revel in the magic of the season. A parent or guardian must accompany their child. This event is open to all families in the community.

 **Saturday, December 13, 2025**
West Bend East Cafeteria
Ages 3-8
Free for ages 0-2
9:00-11:00 a.m.



Sponsored by the West Bend East/West culinary program, FCCLA, and Key Club. High school choir and orchestra students will provide musical entertainment. Scan QR code to pre-register.

Pre-registration - \$10 guest At the door - \$15 guest (cash only)

Contact Ralph Schloss if you have questions (262) 335-5436.



Holiday Pops Concert is December 16

Tickets for the COLUMNS Holiday Pops Concert by the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra are available! The concert is Tuesday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Silver Lining Arts Center at the high schools building (auditorium). Tickets are \$35 each and available at Horicon Bank, Jeff's Spirits on Main, Pick Heaters, Sendik's, or at the door. COLUMNS is the local organization that generously provides scholarships to East and West seniors for post secondary education each year. This event is the main fundraiser for those scholarships.



THE MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
HOLIDAY POPS
CONCERT

TICKETS

\$35 each

Online at:
wbcolumns.org/concert

In-Person at:
Horicon Bank
Jeff's Spirits on Main
Pick Heaters
Sendik's Food Markets
or At the Door

DATE: Tuesday, Dec 16, 2025

TIME: 7:30pm

PLACE: West Bend High School
Silver Lining Arts Center
1305 E. Decorah Road

Sponsored By

ANONYMOUS DONOR

All ticket proceeds used for scholarships for
graduates of the West Bend High Schools.

MSO MILWAUKEE
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA
KEN-DAVID MASUR / MUSIC DIRECTOR

Questions?
visit www.wbcolumns.org
or call 262-297-3905



Join a Focus Group on School Counseling Services

We want to hear from you! The West Bend School District is hosting focus groups to better understand the experiences, insights, and needs of our students and families in relation to the school counseling services we offer.

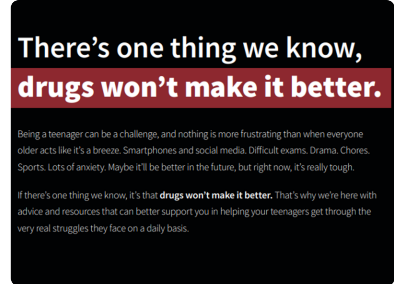
Your feedback will support ongoing continuous improvement ensuring consistent, high quality district-wide school counseling services. If you are unable to attend a focus group, a survey will be available to complete in December 2025. The focus groups available include:

- Friday, November 14, 2025 from 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. - Virtual
- Monday, November 17, 2025 from 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Virtual
- Monday, November 17, 2025 from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Virtual
- Monday, November 17, 2025 from 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Virtual
- Tuesday, December 2, 2025 from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. - In person at the high schools building

To join us, RSVP [HERE](#). A virtual meeting link will be emailed to registered participants before the virtual focus group session.

Drug Use Prevention Efforts Include Detectors

The mental health framework of the West Bend School District includes drug prevention information and activities, such as the new Drugs Make it Worse campaign. Two other drug use prevention strategies currently in use are vape detectors and police K9 searches at Badger and the high schools. Both of these measures fit into our goal to prevent the use of vaping devices or other drugs among young people.



Please review the drug use prevention campaign [Drugs Make it Worse](#), an education effort to provide students, staff, and families with knowledge about the risks of drug use, enhanced coping strategies, and effective prevention strategies.

Shawn Becker, the mental health navigator for the WBSD, is also available to assist individuals and families in accessing and coordinating mental health care. [Complete a request form](#) for assistance from Mr. Becker.

Student and Staff Achievements

ACT High Scorers from East and West

Eleven students from East and West High Schools scored 33 or higher on the ACT in March 2025 (36 is the highest score possible). As we reported earlier this year, Noah Becker scored a perfect 36. Congratulations and great job to these talented students and their families.

Pictured below front row, left to right: Anna Popp (West), Amelia Riley (East), Madeline Hesse (East), Olivia Friedemann (West), and Ryleigh Herbert (West). Back row, left to right: Benjamin Sajdak (East), Connor Kohlhaas (East), Jack Davis (West), Noah Becker (West), and Elliot Weber (West). Inset photo: Beckett Thill (East).



Ripplinger is Conference Coach of the Year

Fourth-year West football coach Taylor Ripplinger was named Coach of the Year for the North Shore Conference. He led the team to a 7-3 record and a trip to the playoffs for the first time in 15 years.



WIAA State Cross Country Meet

Congratulations to Chloe Miller of the East Girls Cross Country team for qualifying and competing in the WIAA State Cross Country Championships last weekend. Miller finished 149th.

The West Boys Cross Country team competed and placed 11th. Ethan Hackman placed 20th and Cade Wanie finished 25th.



West Boys Soccer Just Misses State

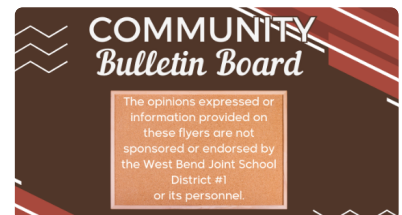
The WIAA Regionals Champion West Boys Soccer team lost in the WIAA Sectionals final to Homestead 1-0 on November 1. The team had an amazingly successful season.



Community Connections

Community Bulletin Board

There are various events and activities available on the WBSD's [Community Bulletin Board](#)!



Athletics

Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot in West Bend

West Bend Schools Ski and Snowboard Club Registration

West Bend Lightning 10U Softball

Kettle Moraine Figure Skating Club Try Skating for Free and Learn to Skate

Other

West Bend East Booster Club Bingo Night

COLUMNS Holiday Pops Concert

West Bend Lego Show

City of West Bend Hiring Lifeguards

Never Too Old Die Cast and Collectibles Swap

St. Francis Cabrini Church Student Choir

YMCA

School's Out Family Fun Events

Free Swim Lessons at YMCA



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