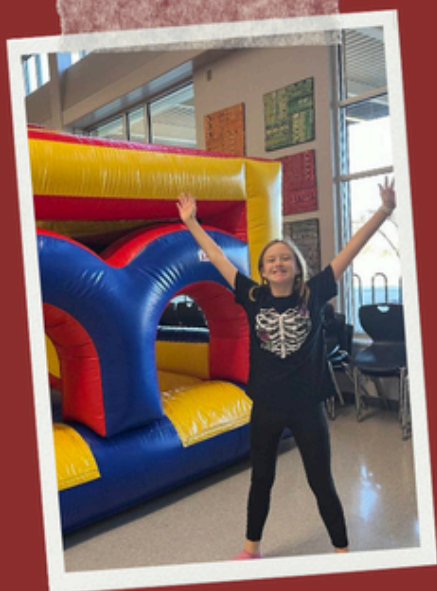




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DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Updates from McLane and Green Tree

McLane is transformed with new windows throughout the building and they make a positive difference for both the exterior and interior of the building. [Check out some photos of the new windows.](#)

Also at McLane, motorized shades for the windows in the gymnasium have been installed. McLane hallway border tile is slated to be installed in the coming weeks.



At Green Tree, construction efforts are mostly complete from the summer renovations aside from the install of the new generator. Green Tree's new generator is a 77 kilowatt engine generator which will serve as power backup and will serve important systems, like life safety lighting, fire alarm, security and other pertinent systems to the school.

The new vestibule door at Green Tree has been installed along with markerboards and tack boards along with corner guards.

Construction on Silverbrook and Jackson Next Summer

In the summer and fall of 2026, in addition to construction of the new Jackson Elementary, work will take place at Silverbrook. In the summer, the work will be contained to one area of the building so it is our intent to offer summer school classes in the building and for the YMCA to continue offering summer daycare there. For the 2026-2027 school year, Silverbrook will be used for sixth grade only, allowing for construction to continue in the fall in the unused portion of the building.



Final construction documents for Jackson Elementary are being completed after the Village of Jackson has given all necessary approvals. Bidding for the project begins soon and will be managed by Findorff, our construction manager. All bid packages and opportunities will also be placed on the district and construction websites. Because this is a large project, the State of Wisconsin will also do a building plan review. Construction begins in spring 2026.

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Planning Taking Place for Badger and High Schools Improvements

Next week this newsletter will review the construction plans for improvements at Badger, slated for summer 2026. In addition, the design and planning phase for the high school improvements is in full swing, which will also be detailed next week.

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District News

Deadline for State Capitol Tree Ornaments is Friday

Wisconsin students are invited to help decorate the 2025 State Capitol Holiday Tree with handmade ornaments celebrating the many people who support their learning. This year’s theme, “The Learning Tree,” honors all those who educate, empower, and inspire—parents, teachers, child care providers, administrators, custodians, school nutrition staff, school bus drivers, and many others who play an important role in students’ lives.



Students are invited to create ornaments that show gratitude, celebrate learning, and honor the people who help them grow. Ornaments should:

- Be made of non-breakable materials
 Avoid fragile items or thin paper that may tear
- Measure 4–6 inches
- Use colors that stand out against the tree
- Include a 10-inch ribbon or string loop for hanging

Mail ornaments by Friday, November 21, 2025, to: Emily Gorman, Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of Facilities and Transportation Services, 17 West Main Street, Suite 119, Madison, WI 53703.

If you have any questions about an ornament, please contact the Capitol Facilities Management Information Center at (608) 266-1485. Ornaments will not be returned.

Give Your Valuable Feedback

There is still time to participate in a focus group hosted by the West Bend School District on school counseling services. The district is hoping to better understand the experiences, insights, and needs of our students and families in relation to the school counseling services we offer. There is one in-person focus group left on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. at the high schools building. To join us, RSVP [HERE](#). More details will be sent to you.

Your feedback will be very valuable for ongoing continuous improvement. If you are unable to attend a focus group, a survey will be available to complete in December 2025.

Winter Weather Closure Reminders

It's November in Wisconsin, so it's time for the winter weather closure information! When inclement weather occurs, Superintendent Wimmer and the transportation staff consult with the national weather service, municipal plow operators, bus companies, and area school districts frequently, including during early morning conference calls prior to the start of the school day. Every effort is made to make a final determination on a possible school building closure or delay by 5:30 a.m.



Announcements of any changes to the school day due to weather will be made via a phone call, email, West Bend School District websites and social media accounts, and Milwaukee television stations. Review more information about weather closure on [the website](#).

WBSD is Part of Historic Holocaust Exhibit

Thanks to support from the West Bend Public Schools Foundation, on January 8, 2026, Violins of Hope, an international project that preserves and restores string instruments played by Jewish people and others targeted by the Nazis before and during the Holocaust, will be available for viewing in the WBHS Silver Lining Gallery. On the evening of January 8, our talented student musicians from the West Bend High School's orchestra, band, and choir will enchant an audience with music in remembrance. Save the date, more details on these events will be in later newsletters.



Check out the Job Openings at the WBSD

The West Bend School District is accepting applications for a variety of jobs, including special education aides, teachers, coaches, long-term substitute teachers, nutrition department staff, and custodians. There is more detailed information and applications available at wbsdhr.org (enter "West Bend School District" at Selected Employers).

Student and Staff Achievements

Two West Students Sign Letters of Intent

It's not everyday that two West Spartans who excel in their respective sports sign National Letters of Intent to compete at the NCAA Division 1 level. On November 12, Dawson Walters signed his letter for swimming at the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities) and Autumn Sobotka for Acrobatics & Tumbling at Iona University (New Rochelle, NY).



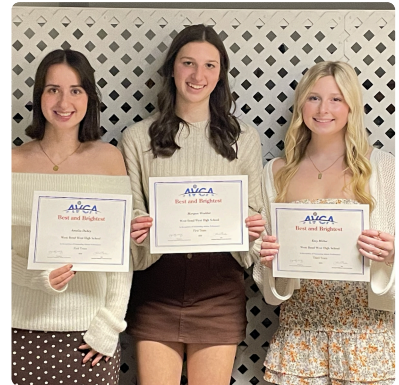
More Accolades for West Football Coach and Players

The Wisconsin Football Coaches Association has named West football coach Taylor Ripplinger Region Coach of the Year after he led the team to the playoffs for the first time in 15 years. In addition, senior Sean McElroy was named an All-Region linebacker and junior James Banks an All-Region defensive lineman.



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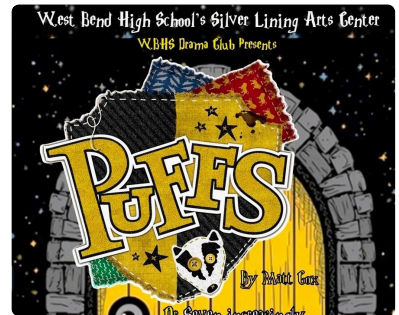
The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) recently announced the fifth annual AVCA Best and Brightest Awards for Girls High School Senior volleyball student-athletes. To be eligible, senior student-athletes must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale during their junior year AND played in 50 percent of their varsity team's sets during their senior season.



From the West volleyball team, Morgan Winkler and Amelia Dubey were selected to the First Team and Emy Miller was selected to the Third Team. This year 1489 Student Athletes have earned this honor and have been selected to First, Second, and Third teams based on their academic and athletic achievements.

Puffs Fall Play is a Success

Congratulations to the WBHS Drama Club on the successful fall play, Puffs. All the shows were well-attended, with attendees laughing along to the unique story.



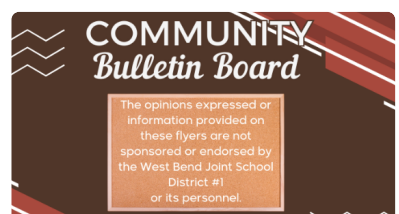
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Community Connections

Community Bulletin Board

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

Athletics



West Bend Swim Club
Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot in West Bend
West Bend Schools Ski and Snowboard Club Registration
West Bend Lightning 10U Softball

Other

Free Parent and Family Support Groups from Charlie Health
Riveredge Handmade for the Holiday
Optimist Club Visual Arts Competition 2026
COLUMNS Holiday Pops Concert
West Bend Lego Show
City of West Bend Hiring Lifeguards
Never Too Old Die Cast and Collectibles Swap
Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowling Event

YMCA

School's Out Family Fun Events
Free Swim Lessons at YMCA
4K Jobs Available
Winter 1 & 2 Program Booklet
Strength and Conditioning for Kids Class



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