

Trojan Times



A monthly newsletter to families

April 2024



Let's Talk... Connect with School Staff!

Administration:

Principal: Mike Whisler

Associate Principal (Last Names A-L): Tori Adkins,

Associate Principal (Last Names M-Z): Louisa Samples

Student Engagement: John Polkowski

Athletic Director: Amy Hogan

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: Susan Zehren

Last Names M-R, Z: Joan Birder

Last Names S-Y: Ying Jing Vang

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920-492-2650

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(Counselors/

Student Records):

920-492-2652

Athletics & Activities:

920-492-2734

Want to connect with school administration?

Please call the main office ahead to see if the principal or associate principal is available or if there's a need to schedule an appointment. School administrators are always available via email.

Want to have a quick conversation with a staff member?

If so, please reach out to them by phone or email to schedule a short appointment.

Thank you for your assistance with scheduling appointments with staff ahead of time.

This will help us ensure that we are providing the best service possible to the students and families of Southwest High School.



Mental Well-Being Resources

*You're important. You matter.
& so does your mental well-being.*

Please click the linked resources here from SW Social Workers to obtain resources which may help you and/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.



SW's 2023-2024 King of Troy is....Nathan Piotrowski!

10 Senior boys battled it out for the coveted title but Nathan walked away with the crown.



Each senior competed in trivia, lip syncing, and a question and answer portion all themed around Disney.

SW Spotlight Cheerleading

CHALLENGE
YOURSELF
PHYSICALLY

MAKE NEW FRIENDS!



GROW IN
COURAGE &
CONFIDENCE



Fox River Monitoring group members presenting their data at the Water Quality Symposium at UWGB on March 14th.

Key Club attended their DCON convention. They learned leadership skills, new fundraising projects, how to

create a fundraiser, volunteer opportunities, and they enjoyed forming friendships



pH and Macroinvertebrate Biodiversity of Duck Creek

Research and Presentation by Southwest and West High Schools



Rebops Biology students made as model organisms for a genetics lab.



To understand the genetics of WI Fast Plants, the ingredients begin with a good growing system and a dash of curiosity



Upcoming Dates to Know...

- Apr. 1: Classes Resume
- Apr. 19: Early Release
- Apr. 19: Adaptive Prom
- Apr. 20: Junior Prom

- May 4: Senior Ball
- May 10: Weather Make-Up Day OR no school if not needed
- May 22: Scholarship Night
- May 24: No School
- May 27: No School - Memorial Day
- May 29: Grand Finale Choir Concert
- May 31: Last Day For Seniors

- June 5-6: Semester Exams/Early Dismissal
- June 7: Early Dismissal
- June 10-12: Weather Make-Up Day OR no school if not needed

SAVE THE DATE

Summer School Update

There will be no summer school or enrichment programming on Wednesday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.

Upcoming Dates for Band...

- Apr. 16: GBAPS Orchestra Group Festival @ West High School (during school day)
- Apr. 23: GBAPS Honor Band Performance @ West High School
- May 4: State Solo & Ensemble @ UWGB
- May 8: Music Banquet @ 6pm in the SW Auditorium
- May 16: Band & Orchestra Spring Pops Concert @ 7pm in the SW Auditorium (Student call time 5:30pm)



SW Spotlight Presents...

Fox River Monitoring

• Fox River Monitoring collects scientific data in the field (@ 2 locations on Duck Creek) and in the lab.



• Teaches students aspects of biology, chemistry, and environmental science.

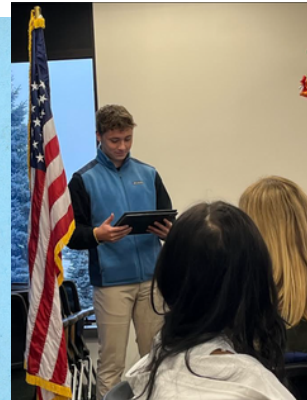


• Fosters student interest & participation in local environmental quality issues.

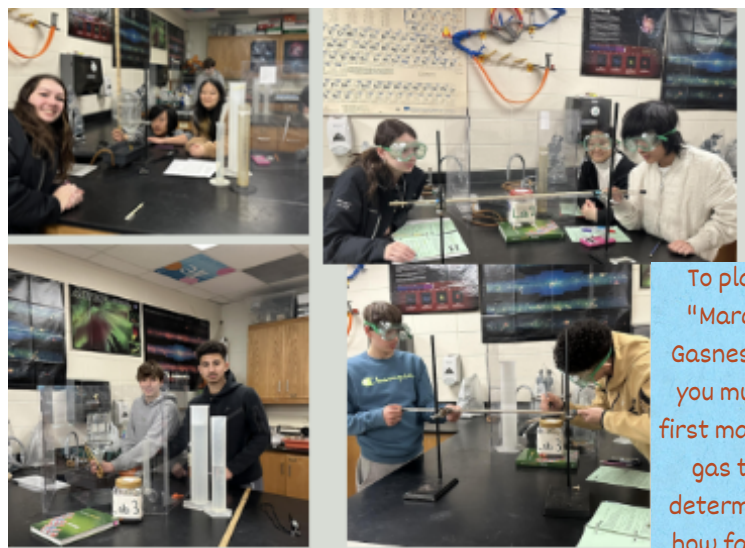
Congratulations to our students who passed the Microsoft Word Exam! Certified students include Kenzie B, Nolan B, Leilani Y, Kim P, Charlie B, Kyrus L, Donald L, and Kaden L.



Advanced Art students had to choose a book to read and produce a new cover.



Kaden Diemer won Green Bay West Rotary Club's Student of the Month! As a reward recipient, his name was drawn to receive \$200 to present to his non-profit of choice! The Rotary International motto is "Service Above Self" & Kaden had exemplified this by giving back to the community in meaningful ways.



To play "March Gasness", you must first mass a gas to determine how far it will go in the "bracket"

Meet Our New Staff!

Josh Delair
Building Engineer

Josh has officially taken on the *Building Engineer* role at SW. Prior to this, Josh had been temporarily filling that capacity.

WELCOME ABOARD! WE ARE GLAD TO KEEP YOU!



SW Who's Who?



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Notes from the School Nurses

GET ACTIVE!

Check out the short Newsletter from the nurses on Physical Activity & Nutrition.

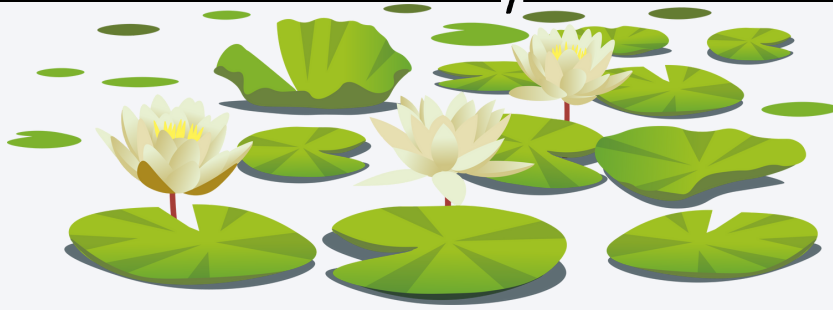


[April Nutrition & Activity \(English\)](#)
[April Nutrition & Activity \(Spanish\)](#)





A Note From Principal Whisler...



Well...now that we have successfully navigated an early Spring snowstorm (hopefully you and your family stayed safe and warm), maybe we can start talking about actual Spring and all that goes with it.

Spring is a time to celebrate a lot, but particularly growth! In making the connection of growth to high school students, growth comes in many different forms.

- **Physically** - high school students are still getting taller, and/or coming into their young adult bodies.
- **Socially** - high school students are still navigating social situations, receiving feedback, and modifying (growing) the strategies that they use to successfully navigate peers, friends, and social situations.
- **Academically** - high school students start to formulate their goals for life after high school, taking interesting courses, and, of course, building their academic skill sets.

As our students are growing, it is important to remember that they are going to make mistakes along the way, and they SHOULD be making mistakes along the way. It is important to nurture what [Dr. Carol Dweck \(Stanford University Psychology professor\)](#) calls a “Growth Mindset.” That is something that we try to instill in our students - continuous improvement, resiliency, F.A.I.L (First Attempt In Learning). In the end, what matters is NOT that you fall down, but whether or not you get back up.

Helping students develop a Growth Mindset benefits students in many ways. Those benefits include (but are not limited to):



- Improved communication skill;
- Increased resilience when faced with failure or mistakes;
- More open-mindedness toward new ideas or concepts;
- Higher levels of academic performance;
- Stronger self-esteem;
- Greater creativity; and
- Better relationships with peers and adults

Don't those sound like characteristics of a College, Career, and Community ready student? Wouldn't you want to employ a person with those qualities?

By helping our students to take on a Growth Mindset sets our future Southwest Trojan graduates up for success in their life beyond high school. Take some time to talk with your student(s) about their mindset and your take on perseverance, growth, and continuous improvement. Here are a couple of resources for you:

- [Developing a Growth Mindset Among High School Students](#) - The National Center on Scaling Up Schools
- [Developing a Growth Mindset w/ Carol Dweck](#) (YouTube)

As always, if you would like to chat, have questions, or want to share some concerns about this topic, or any other, please feel free to reach out.

Your Partner in Education,
Michael Whisler, Principal

Senior Graduation Information



TIME CHANGE UPDATE

GRADUATION IS AT 11:00A.M.

(FORMERLY 11:30)

Graduation Date:

June 2, 2024 @ 11:00a.m.

Southwest High School Gymnasium

Doors open @ 10:00

*Ticket quantity updated from 6 tickets to 8.
All graduates participating in the ceremony will receive 8 tickets to the in-person graduation ceremony.



Cap & Gown Order pick up will be **on May 22nd** at SWHS.



Interested students can SIGN UP to audition for Class of 2024 Graduation speaker!

Auditions will be held on 4/30/24 from 3:15-5pm.

2 speakers will be chosen.

Graduating students received an email with the link to sign-up.



**SUBMIT FOR APPROVAL
BY MAY 17!**

ADORNMENT

Students wanting to adorn their graduation attire must receive approval from the high school principal. The District requires that the dress and grooming of students at the graduation ceremony are within the limits of Board of Education policy. [Click here to view the policy and to download and print the adornment request form.](#)



Junior & Senior Scholarship Opportunities

All senior students have access to a Google Classroom that lists all the following Scholarship opportunities and more! If you have any questions please contact your students' school counselor.

Robert Schnell Scholarship

*Due May 3rd

Application can be printed from the Google Classroom or a paper copy can be picked up from your students' school counselor.

Greater Green Bay Community Foundation

www.ggbcf.org

*Due May 1st

Resch Scholarship

*Due April 26, 2024

Student who intended to pursue college studies in math, science or engineering.

Application can be printed from the Google Classroom or a paper copy can be picked up from your students' school counselor.

WPS Technical College Scholarship

*Due April 30th

<https://www.wecenergygroup.com/community/wps-technical-college-scholarships.htm>

Reminder: Please submit any information regarding your student being awarded a scholarship to Amanda Millan amillan@gbaps.org. Your student will be recognized at the Senior Scholarship Night.



Information From Career Services...



The Navy will be visiting on the following dates:
Thursday, April 18th & Thursday, May 16th
during lunch times in the Commons.

ASVAB Testing
Wednesday, April 17th
7:30-11:30 a.m.

The Marines will be visiting on
Thursday, April 18th & Thursday, May 16th
during lunch times in the Commons.



Other Events:

- >Thursday, April 25, 2024 Brown County Hiring Fair
8:30-10:30 a.m., **spots are still open!**
- >Friday, April 26, 2024 Green & Gold Day from 8:45-
1:00pm, **spots are still open!**
- >Wednesday, May 1, 2024 Business Field Trip at
NWTC from 8:30am -11:30am, It is full, **no spots open!**



ENGINEERING WORKSHOP **MAY 4TH, 2024**

We are delighted to announce that the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) will be hosting a Solutions Seekers workshop on Saturday, May 4, 2024, in conjunction with the ASME EFX Drone Competition on the NWTC campus. This free Solution Seekers workshop aims to share the impact of "problem-solving for good" through the lens of STEM, specifically highlighting the unique role of engineering. Students who register and attend this workshop will also have access to the DRONE competition being sponsored by ASME at NWTC at the same time.



Register for the event here!



Manufacturing Hiring Event



Are you CREATIVE, HANDS-ON, and APPRECIATE CHANGE?

Manufacturing careers are for you!

April 25, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
NWTC Cafeteria

All positions are \$16 or more an hour with benefits

Many companies offer tuition reimbursement

Companies Attending the Event

Bold font indicates hiring summer & permanent positions

- AK Pizza Crust
- AmeriLux
- ATI Forged Products
- Belmark, Inc.
- Cherry Optical Lab
- **Cleveland Hardware & Forging**
- Encapsys, LLC
- Fincantieri Marine Group
- Fosber America
- Great Northern Laminations
- **Green Bay Packaging**
- Hurckman Mechanical Ind.
- Konz Wood Products/Tower Pallet
- L & S Electrical
- Lindquist Machine Corporation
- **Marine Travelift, Inc.**
- MetalStorm, Inc.
- Midland Plastics
- **Nueske Applewood Smoked Meats**
- **Omni Glass & Paint**
- Packer Fastener & Supply, Inc.
- Parker Hannifin Parflex Division
- **Pioneer Metal Finishing**
- **RGL Logistics**
- Shopko Optical Manufacturing
- Trilliant Food

Open positions include: Entry-level Production, Entry-level Sales, Retail, Machinist, Maintenance, Welders, Electricians, Pipe Fitters, Industrial & Commercial Painters, Sandblaster, Carpenters, Shipping & Receiving, Pre-Apprenticeships, Machine & Line Operators, Forklift Operators, and More!

Positions available in: Appleton, Green Bay, De Pere, Little Chute, Manitowoc, Oshkosh, Schofield, Sturgeon Bay and Wittenberg.

ATTENTION CURRENT JUNIORS AND SENIORS!...

The Northeast Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance (NEWMA) is holding their second annual Brown County Hiring Fair (BCHF) at NWTC GB Campus in the Commons Area.

This event is aimed at Seniors who have an interest in getting hired at a local company after graduation and select Juniors may also be invited for the purposes of obtaining employment for work-based learning (Co-op, YA) and/or summer work needs of the employer. Interested juniors should contact their counselor to see if they are eligible.

While employers are concentrated in the manufacturing industries, they are also looking to fill positions for entry level, transportation & logistics, business & clerical and more.

Interested students should sign up in the Career Center.

SCAN ME

FOR MORE INFO ON THE BROWN CO. HIRING FAIR



ATTENTION NEXT YEAR JUNIORS AND SENIORS!...



Does your student want to earn credit for working a job that will get them ahead in their career?

Youth Apprenticeship/internship (YA) is a highly successful talent acquisition strategy in which employers hire high school juniors or seniors for a one or two-year apprenticeship.

During the apprenticeship, the student continues toward high school graduation and takes courses related to the profession as a way of enhancing what is being learned on the job.

If you're student is interested in learning more, contact Betsy Baier in the Student Services Office or [complete the online application by clicking here.](#)

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP

Job Fair

April 17, 2024

4pm - 7pm
Riverside Ballroom
1560 Main St
Green Bay, WI 54302



Northeast Wisconsin
YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP

Current Sophomores and Juniors! Join us at our Spring Hiring Event. Employers will be looking to fill Youth Apprenticeship placements starting in the summer and to continue throughout the 24/25 school year.

Please dress appropriately, have copies of your resume on hand, and be ready to apply and potentially interview on the spot.

Please contact your School-Based Youth Apprenticeship Coach with any questions about the event.

PRE-REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED!



YA pathways:















Why Attend?

- Speak with local employers representing a variety of career areas
- Explore different careers and job options
- Apply for available positions



WHAT HAVE YES STUDENT'S BEEN UP TO?

On March 6th, 12 YES students took a trip to UW-Green Bay for a day of learning about what the university has to offer.

The day began with a welcome and Thanksgiving Address presentation by First Nations Studies (FNS) Professor Forrest Brooks. Students also took a campus tour highlighted by a visit to the Center for First Nations Education, attended and participated in a FNS course, and enjoyed lunch at the school's dining hall. Before heading back to Southwest, students learned about college credit programs available to them while still in high school and how streamlined the process is for GBAPS graduates to apply to UWGB!



If your student is interested in learning more about UWGB possibilities, have them contact their guidance counselor.

GREEN BAY SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

GBSW BOOSTERS
2024
GOLF
OUTING

Silent Auctions!
Raffles!
Prizes!

MONDAY
AUGUST 12

AT BROWN COUNTY GC
 Check-in: 8:30-10 am
 Shotgun start: 10:00 am
 Dinner & raffles: 4:00 pm

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 \$115 - Per Player
 includes 18 holes w/cart, lunch & dinner
 \$25 - dinner only

100% of proceeds are used
 to support all Southwest
 student athletes & programs

Register now, space is limited
<https://sites.google.com/view/gbswboosterclub/golf-outing>




April First Nations Program Monthly Newsletter

This month the newsletter showcases students at Kennedy, Fort Howard and Chappell! Plus, it has information about new maps for Social Studies, community events, and recipes!

[April First Nations Program Newsletter \(English\)](#)

**CHECK
THIS OUT**

