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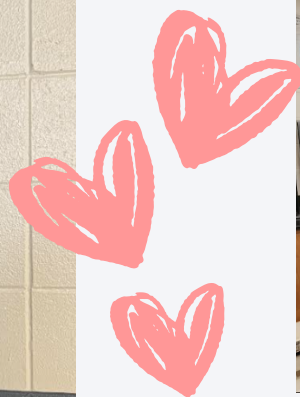


February 2024

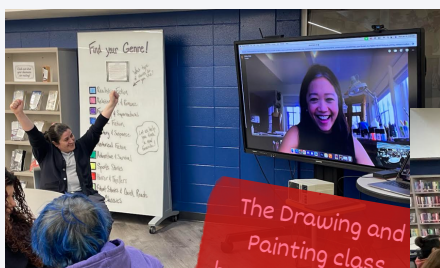
A monthly newsletter to families



Zach Bushmaker, pictured with his award-winning MLK Jr. Day Poster



Chemistry students "mining" for silver via a Single Replacement Reaction Lab using a vacuum pump with associated Buchner Funnel and filter paper. Wet labs are costly, but students will do what it takes to keep the science budget afloat



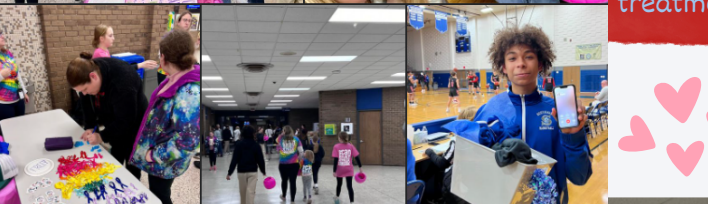
The Drawing and Painting class hosted a video chat with award-winning illustrator Kristin Sorra.



STINGCANCER raised money to help families afford to stay in town for their treatments.



Key Club and FFA made tie blankets to donate to the Humane Society



STINGCANCER



What's Happening in Club & Activity

Groups? ...



ART CLASS: Southwest students won eight awards in the Wisconsin Region of the Scholastics Art & Writing Awards (the highest total ever for SWHS). The Scholastics Art & Writing Awards are the nation's oldest and most prestigious student art competition. Check out ARTANDWRITING.ORG for more information about the contest and awards.



CONGRATULATIONS to our Southwest **FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA** Regional Competitors. Results include 2nd Place (and qualifying for State) Leilani Yang- Web Design, 4th Place Emerson Krings- Journalism, 5th Place Madison Beres- Organizational Leadership, Honorable Mention- Karter Engebretson and Will Hansen- Intro to Social Media Strategies, Kenzie Beres and Serenity Thao- Intro to Event Planning, Sam Dumoulin- Business Communications, Sam Beres- Impromptu Speaking.



FOX RIVER MONITORING CLUB is preparing for our spring field trip to UWGB to attend a Water Quality Symposium on March 11. Students will get a chance to watch presentations on local water quality issues and research from university professors, as well as both college and high school students, and will be presenting their own data collected from two locations on Duck Creek near school. Students interested in joining the Fox River Monitoring Club should talk to Ms. Schlicht - Recruiting is happening now!



SOUTHWEST

ESPORTS had an amazing fall season, with the Smite & Smash teams ending with winning records. In our winter season, Rocket League team



is ranked well, & one of the Fortnite teams is also ranked & taking points each week. We compete in weekly matches against other Wi. high school teams. Our team is focused on good sportsmanship & teamwork. Students have the opportunity to participate in the growing world of digital game competitions in a school setting with an eye towards scholarships & career pathways available within the field.



TREES FOR TOMORROW is currently recruiting students for our free spring field trip. 20 lucky students can spend 3 and a half days in Eagle River, WI, staying on the Trees for Tomorrow campus and getting a Northwoods outdoor education experience. If your student is interested, they should speak to Ms. Schlicht or Mr. Sebranek. Student selections will take place in March.



Spring Conferences



Spring Parent Teacher Conferences are approaching. All parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled on-site.

Scheduling is available through eduSched starting February 22nd and will close on March 5.

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Parent/Teacher conference dates and times for Southwest High School are:

- February 29 from 3:10 pm to 7:00 pm
- March 1 from 7:30 am to 11:30 am
- March 5 from 3:10 pm to 7:00 pm

[Click here to view more details regarding conferences and how to use/setup your eduSched account.](#)

Upcoming Dates to Know...

- Feb. 9: Early Release
- Feb. 23 No School
- Feb. 29: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mar. 1: No School & Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mar. 5: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mar. 12: ACT w/ Writing (11th grade)
- Mar. 19: Pre-ACT (9th & 10th grade)
- Mar. 25-29: Spring Recess
- Apr. 1: Classes Resume
- Apr. 19: Early Release

Junior ACT Information

Your 11TH GRADE STUDENT will be taking the ACT with Writing on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. We'd like to provide them (& you, since YOU are an important part of your student's success) with some tutorial presentations and practice questions about the 4 large subtests that are on the ACT (Math, English, Reading, and Science) and some tips for the Writing portion of the exam.

Please find below the information that will be shared with your 11th grade student during their Advisory class throughout the month of February, in CORE classes up to the testing day, and through email.

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| ACT PARENT/STUDENT PRESENTATION | ACT ENGLISH PRACTICE |
| ACT READING QUESTIONS | ACT SCIENCE QUESTIONS |
| ACT WRITING PRACTICE | ACT MATH PRACTICE |

More information regarding how scoring works for ACT can be found below in one of the links:

[English](#) [Spanish](#) [Hmong](#) [Somali](#)

*NOTE: Practice sessions onsite will occur - More information is to come.



A Note From Principal Whisler...



Dear Families,

During this monthly message, I would like to celebrate Service to Others. Whether it be doing the dishes without being asked, volunteering for the Red Cross Blood Drive, or tutoring younger students with Reading, Southwest High School students have HUGE hearts and are setting a positive example for our upcoming future Trojans.

There are many ways to recognize our students' acts of service. Formally, each month a Southwest High School student is recognized by the Rotary Club of Green Bay West. Another way we recognize our students for their acts of service is through the annual Service Awards that are distributed in the Spring of each school year.

Rotary Club Service Recognitions - This year, four Southwest students have been recognized for their Service Before Self by the Rotary Club. Those students are: **Kaden Diemer** (October); **Emberli Gadwood** (November); **Reese Patenaude** (January); and **Abbie Williams** (February). Each of these students have had the opportunity to meet with the Rotary Club to share their endeavors while highlighting what service means to them and all the ways that they have contributed to the well-being of others through their service. The students, all Seniors, have also shared their plans for life after high school. I'll tell you...they will be up to some great things!

Southwest High School Service Learning Awards - While Service Learning is NOT a graduation requirement in the Green Bay Area Public Schools, it is definitely encouraged and recognized. Each year, **students at all grade levels have the opportunity to be recognized for three different Service Learning awards.**

Civic Engagement Award - This is a Green Bay Area Public Schools award. The Civic Engagement Award can be earned each year for **hours completed between May 1st and April 30th of the following year.** There are three different "level" for this award based on the number of hours of service: **White Ribbon (25 - 49 hours); Red Ribbon (50 - 74 hours); and Blue Ribbon (75 - 99 hours).**

President's Volunteer Award - This is a national award for any student who has completed **100 or more qualified hours between May 1st and April 30th of the following year.** The President's Volunteer Award can be earned each year of a student's high school career. There are three different "levels" for this award based on the number of hours of service: **Bronze (100 - 174 hours); Silver (175 - 249 hours); and Gold (250+ hours).**

Graduation Service Learning Cords - Finally, for our graduates there are the Graduation Service Learning Cords. This is a Green Bay Area Public School District award for any student who has earned at least **100 hours during their high school career.** These cords may be worn at graduation and the honor will be noted in the program. Hours must be turned in before April 30th of the student's 12th grade year.

Of course, all of these recognitions are fabulous and look fantastic on college applications or applications for the workplace; however, there is a bigger implication for these. These awards show our students that we notice the service to others that they are doing. This is a great personal characteristic that will help these young people succeed beyond the walls of Southwest High School. These hours are something for our school community to be proud of.

Here are some closing words related to the importance of service...

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth." - Muhammad Ali

"Without service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop." - Dorothy Height



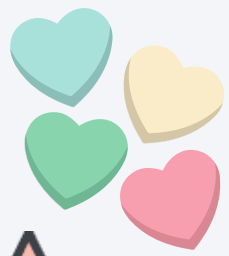
"LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION IS: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?" - DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world." - Howard Zinn



Let's Talk...

Connect with School Staff!



Attendance Office:

920-492-2653

Main Office:

920-492-2650

Student Services

(Counselors/
Student Records):
920-492-2652

Athletics & Activities:

920-492-2734

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

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

Social Workers:

Last Names A-L: Janine Walch Blohowiak

Last Names M-Z: Anna Van Schyndel

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.

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 is a need to schedule an appointment. School administrators are always available via email.

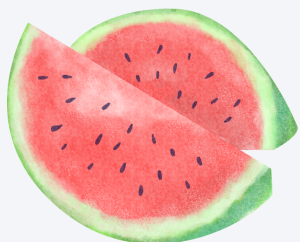
Thank you for your assistance with scheduling appointments with staff ahead of time. This will help us ensure that we are providing the best service possible to the students and families of Southwest High School.

Summer School 2024



Students may begin registering for Southwest High School Summer School on Monday, February 19, 2024. Check out the [2024 Secondary Summer School Course Book](#) to see the full offerings.

Students may take courses such as Physical Education, Health, or Personal Financial Literacy to get a jump start on the upcoming school year. We strongly encourage students who have failed a course during the school year to enroll in the appropriate Summer School course.



If you have any questions related to recommended courses, please contact your school counselor.

Meet Our New Staff!



Mr. Schultz is teaching Science during the second half of the day.

Kaiden Schultz
Science Teacher

Mr. Mayer is here for first hour Tech Ed/Metals class.

Eric Mayer
Tech Ed. Teacher

Ms. Derozier is here all day as a paraprofessional.



Sarah Derozier
Paraprofessional

WELCOME TO THE SOUTHWEST FAMILY!



Please enjoy the [February First Nations Program Newsletter](#).

This month the newsletter showcases students at Howe, MacArthur, King and Kennedy! Plus, it has information about curricular resources and community events



Spring Athletics

PLEASE HELP YOUR SPRING ATHLETE REMEMBER TO GET THEIR PHYSICAL COMPLETED

Buckle  AND TURN IN THE REQUIRED

PAPERWORK FOR THEIR SPORT(S).



Northwest Wisconsin YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP



Amber Ambrosius
Sale Associate, The Buckle
Southwest High School Senior
Career Cluster: Marketing

"I chose to be a Youth Apprentice because I love my job and it's a super fun way to get to leave school early and get a high school credit for working.

I recommend this to other students because it's a clever way to get out of school early to get credits for working and you can make some extra cash also.

After High School I will attend NWTC for Marketing Classes." -Amber Ambrosius



#ThisIsC7



Senior Graduation Information



Confirmed Graduation Date:

June 2, 2024

@11:30a.m. @ Southwest

Find the most up-to-date Graduation information via the senior graduation information page on the Southwest Website:

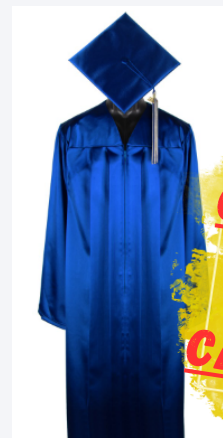
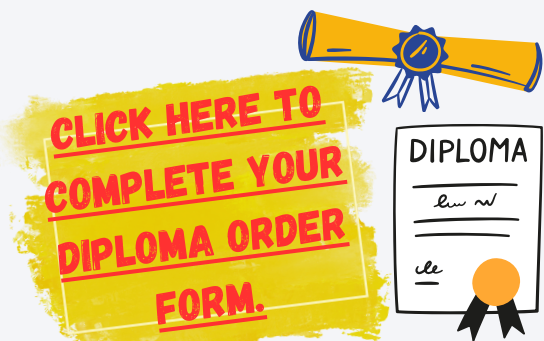
>Direct link is:

https://southwest.gbaps.org/students/senior_graduation_information

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY,

STUDENTS MUST:

- COMPLETE THEIR DIPLOMA ORDER FORM
- PURCHASE AND WEAR A CAP AND GOWN



NOTE: DIPLOMA ORDER FORMS WERE EMAILED TO SENIORS ON 12/12/23.

BRICKHOUSE SCHOOL SERVICES WAS IN ALL LUNCH PERIODS ON FEB. 1 & 2 FOR CAP & GOWN MEASUREMENTS & ORDERING.

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.

*portion of scholarship must be completed by a school counselor or administrator

College Ready

*Due Tuesday, March 19, 2024 @ 3pm

CollegeReadyWI.org/Scholarships

Green Bay Odd Fellow Lodge

*Due: Thursday, February 22, 2024

Please pick up an application in Student Services or check the Scholarship Google Classroom

University of Wisconsin-Madison Alumni Club of

Brown County

*Due: Monday, March 25, 2024

<https://uwalumni.com/groups/browncounty>

Badger State Boys and Girls is a sponsored opportunity available to JUNIOR STUDENTS. This program is geared toward young individuals who are interested in government and want to become a more impactful community leaders. If you feel your child meets the following criteria please have them fill out the Google Form they were sent via email.

Eligibility

- Interested in government and citizenship
- Academically in good standing
- Outstanding qualities of leadership, good moral character, cooperativeness, dependability and participation in extracurricular activities
- Fitness (walk about 6 miles a day)- lots of movement on campus

Purpose

- To develop leadership skills
- To instill pride as American citizens
- To educate citizens about our system of government
- To instill a great understanding of American traditions
- To stimulate a desire to maintain our democratic government process

Badger State Boys will be held
June 9-15, 2024 @ University of
Wisconsin- EauClaire

Badger State Girls will be held
June 16-21, 2024 @ University
of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Chosen delegates will be
contacted by your students'
school counselor.

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There's nothing else like your High School yearbook - A limited edition collection of stories and pictures from this school year. Share it with your friends today and hang onto it for years to come!



Scan the QR Code to order

OR

[order directly by clicking here.](#)



Information From Career Services...



GEAR UP Rising Phoenix Class of 2026 Update!

Attention Sophomores:

A group of eligible students will have an opportunity to earn their high school diploma AND a two-year Associate of Arts and Sciences (AAS) degree upon high school graduation by dually enrolling in college credit courses online through UW-Green Bay at no cost. Students must meet GEAR UP and Rising Phoenix Program eligibility requirements to enroll. There will be NO COST to students, families or school districts as all program costs will be covered by the GEAR UP Grant. The GEAR UP program will offer priceless educational opportunities through DPI WEOP and UW-Green Bay's GEAR UP programming that will support student learning, growth and preparation for post-secondary success. Learn more and apply at:

<https://www.uwgb.edu/gearup/risingphoenix>.

Upcoming Information Sessions

In-Person in the Career Center Conference Room
at South West High School
Thursday, February 22
9:16-9:42 a.m.

Virtual

Thursday, February 22: 6-7 p.m.

Virtual

Wednesday, March 6: 6-7 p.m.



Notes from the School Nurses

GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP IS IMPORTANT. CHECK OUT THE NURSE'S GUIDE TO GOOD SLEEP PRACTICES.

[SLEEP HYGIENE NEWSLETTER \(ENGLISH\)](#)

[SLEEP HYGIENE NEWSLETTER \(SPANISH\)](#)



THE SALVATION ARMY

WINTER COAT Weekly Distribution

Wednesdays through March 20th | 2-4:30pm

- Anyone (adult or child) in need of a coat is welcome
- No appointment necessary
- I.D. and proof of Brown County residency required



Former Salvation Army Thrift Store
1125 West Mason Street