



Trojan Times



January 2024

A monthly newsletter to families



SW Spotlight

BASEBALL

JV and Varsity teams compete to score points by getting a runner around all of the bases.




- Grade checks to make sure we are succeeding in the classroom as well as on the

Future Business Leaders of America




NHS-SPONSORED "TEACHER TEA"






SkillsUSA students went to West Bend High School to compete in a district competition

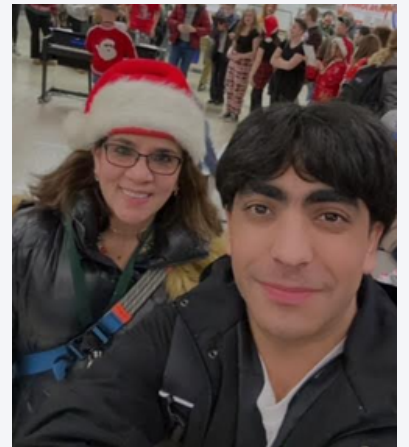


Students collaborate on Algebra II in the YES room.





HOSA made over 150 votive candles for several community living centers and healthcare providers.



YES students and staff took part in Winter Dress-up Days!







SW Spotlight: Musical



The Musical is the LARGEST club/activity in the entire school!



Advanced Art Class Creations


Digital Media students who were able to pass the Photoshop Certification exam



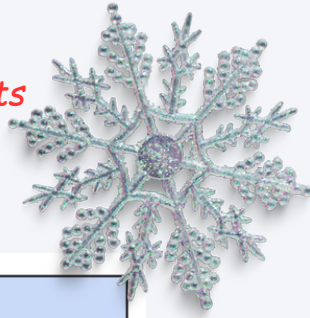
NHS Sponsored Blood Drive event

Semester 1 Exam Schedule

*Lunch & breakfast will be offered all three days

*Students are expected to be in their classroom for the exam period. Students will be either taking an exam or completing an extension of learning activity during the exam period.

*School bus transportation will align with the exam schedule.



Wednesday January 17, 2024	Thursday January 18, 2024	Friday January 19, 2024
Period 1 7:30-9:00	Period 3 7:30-9:00	Period 8 7:30-9:00
Period 2 9:10-10:40	Period 7 9:10-10:40	Period 6 9:10-10:40
Period 4 10:50-12:20	Period 5 10:50-12:20	



ACT/Pre-ACT Assessment Dates

Each spring, high school students across the State of Wisconsin participate in the ACT and Pre-ACT assessments. Below are the dates:

- **ACT - March 12, 2024**
 - This assessment is **REQUIRED** for all **11th grade students**.
 - 9th, 10th, and 12th grade students will participate in asynchronous activities on this day.
- **Pre-ACT - March 19, 2024**
 - This assessment is **REQUIRED** for all **9th and 10th grade students**.
 - 11th and 12th grade students will participate in asynchronous activities on this day.

Upcoming Dates to Know...

Jan. 15: No School
Jan. 17-19: Semester 1 Exams
Jan. 22: No School
Jan. 23: Semester 2 Begins

Feb. 9: Early Release
Feb. 23 No School
Feb. 29: Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

Did You Know?

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY PROVIDES TUTORING EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING ADVISORY. STUDENTS CAN CHECK OUT THE OFFERINGS IN EFFICIENCY FOR TUTORING HELP.



A Note From Principal Whisler

Dear Families,

With the start of a new calendar year, there is a universal phenomenon that many, many people participate in each time. Some have success with this, and others do not. That's right...I'm talking about the annual setting of New Year's Resolutions. In other words, setting yearly goals. I don't know about you, but some years are more successful for me than others.

Did you know that all schools in the Green Bay Area Public School district set annual goals as well? This includes Southwest High School. Typically, these goals would be shared with our school community at the start of each school year. However, because this is the first of our newly formatted and scheduled monthly school newsletter, I thought that I would share that information with our parents and guardians now.

Linked below is the School Success Plan for 2023-2024.

[Southwest High School School Success Plan - 2023-2024 \(English\)](#)

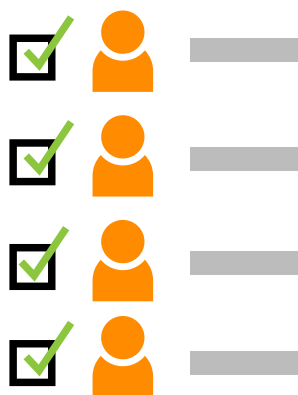
[Southwest High School School Success Plan - 2023-2024 \(Spanish\)](#)



Just like with those pesky New Year's Resolutions, sometimes a school's annual goals are met and sometimes they are not. There are many ways that this success is measured and reported. The hope is that the school continues to grow in providing their students with a highly engaging and academically rigorous educational experience. Wisconsin's Department of Public Instruction reports on that progress each year through the school report cards. The 2023 Wisconsin DPI School Report Card shows that Southwest High School improved from the year before (see below). Through our continued efforts with our success plan, Southwest will continue to improve.

[2023 Wisconsin DPI School Report Card - Southwest High School](#)

ATTENDANCE



There are other factors, other than academic achievement, that are measured in terms of improvement. One of those other factors is student attendance. This is the area where you, our parents and guardians, can be of significant help. Your student's attendance matters! Each day that your student is at school on time and in class, it is another day that your student has the opportunity to engage in learning and master academic skills.

Let's make it a goal for the second half of the school year! Let's see if we can get our student attendance rate to better than 90%.

If you have any questions about your student's attendance, please feel free to reach out to your student's school counselor or the attendance office.

Go Trojans! #SWTrojanPride

Student Attendance Information

Consistent daily attendance is important for a student's success. However, the reality is that students get sick and families take vacations. Still, days away from school can quickly turn into bad habits and create anxiety related to missed coursework and social connections.

Please support your student's academic and social/emotional success by expecting positive school attendance.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS 1 or 2 days doesn't seem like much..			
If you miss:	That Equals:	Which is:	Over 13 years of schooling that's:
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

If your student is going to miss school, please be sure to contact the Southwest High School attendance office to report that absence.

[Southwest High School Attendance Information & Expectations](#)

Attendance Expectations are outlined in the GBAPS Student Expectations Book. Please see the links below:

- 2023-24 Expectation Book [English](#)
- 2023-24 Manual de Expectativas [Spanish](#)

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

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.

<u>Attendance Office:</u> 920-492-2653
<u>Main Office:</u> 920-492-2650
<u>Student Services</u> (Counselors, Student Records): 920-492-2652
<u>Athletics & Activities:</u> 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

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

Meet Our New Staff!

These individuals joined SW after the 2023-2024 school year began. We are so grateful that they have joined the family!

Marci Fry
Study Hall Monitor

Crystal Mathey
Main Office Clerical

Sonny Soquet
NWTC Career Coach

Brenda Heinz
Hall Monitor

Alex Zwicky
Hall Monitor

Kelly Logue
Phy. Ed Teacher

Melissa Tuell
Facilities

Maureen O'Brien
ML Teacher

Aidee Boesen
Attendance Clerical

Jaime Rayome
ID Paraprofessional

Dr. Brenda Mouzon
Alternate Education Teacher

Samantha DePas
Food Service



TOP NEEDS:

- **DEODORANT**
- **WINTER COATS**
- **WATER BOTTLES**
- **SWEATSHIRTS**
- **SWEATPANTS**
- **SOCKS**
- **UNDERWEAR**
- **BRAS**
- **CASUAL PANTS – RUNNING PANTS OR SWEATPANTS FOR PHY. ED. & DAILY STUDENT USE**

Troy's House
Together we give...

Troy's House is a school community donation center where the main goal is to help students get the necessary supplies to be comfortable and successful at Southwest High School.

Senior Graduation Information

FIND THE MOST UP-TO-DATE GRADUATION INFORMATION AND TO COMPLETE YOUR DIPLOMA ORDERS, CHECKOUT THE SENIOR GRADUATION INFORMATION ON THE SOUTHWEST WEBPAGE:

>GO TO [SOUTHWEST.GBAPS.ORG](https://southwest.gbaps.org)

>CLICK ON "STUDENTS"

>SCROLL DOWN AND CLICK ON "SENIOR GRADUATION INFORMATION" ON THE LEFT.



CONFIRMED GRADUATION DATE: 6/2/2023

@11:30A.M. @ SOUTHWEST

DIPLOMA ORDER FORMS

MUST BE COMPLETED

CAP & GOWN

MUST BE ORDERED

*Do you have a **Sophomore, Junior, or Senior** interested in joining National Honor Society? Requirements can be found on the GBAPS website.*

Summer School 2024

Summer 2024 is just around the corner and we are putting together the Southwest High School registration timeline.

*Note: Due to the early start to the 2024-2025 school year, there will be six weeks of Summer School; not eight.



The Summer 2024 Summer School dates are:

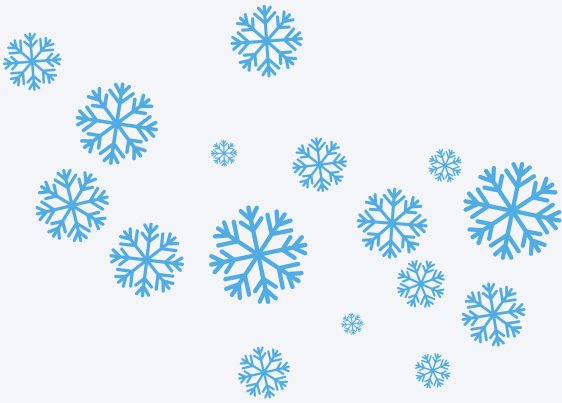
- Session 1 - June 17, 2024 through June 28, 2024
- Session 2 - July 8, 2024 through August 2, 2024

*Summer School registration information will be sent home as soon as it is available.



Next Years Junior and Senior Families:

Do you have a student interested in youth apprenticeship?
Join us Monday, February 5th from 5:45-7:15pm @ NWTC for Youth
Apprenticeship Night! This is your opportunity to learn about the Youth
Apprenticeship Program offered through Northeast Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship.
Parents or Guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Northwest Wisconsin YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP

bellin health

Isaiah
Green Bay Southwest High School

Isaiah is a senior and joined Youth Apprenticeship to get a head start on his Career in Health Care

After graduation Isaiah plans on attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison to Study Nursing or Pre Medicine

"I would say to go for it. It is a great way to get experience in fields of work and determine if you have interest in them. It helped me get a job that would normally be more difficult to get as a high school student. Also, There aren't any downsides to doing the program, so it's definitely something worth trying."

#ThisIsC7



District Calendar 2024-2025

On December 18, 2023, the Board of Education approved the 2024-2025 calendar. Listed below are important dates and changes to the calendar:

- **First day of school for students** will be August 26, 2024. The District will continue the practice of grades 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 attending asynchronously, except at the K-8 schools.
- The 2024-25 calendar does not include any **early release dates**
- The calendar **includes two inclement weather days**
- There will be **no school on April 23, 24 and 25 of 2025**, due to the NFL Draft
- The **last day of school** for students is June 5
- **Five (5) minutes of instructional time will be added** to each day, more information to come

View the [2024-2025 School Calendar here](#).

Shekōli swakweku (hello everyone)
from the Oneida YES Program Staff at Southwest...



We are here to assist in the advancement of educational, cultural, and social development of Indigenous youth who attend school at GBSW. We serve enrolled or descended students and families of any federally recognized tribe, not just Oneida, who could benefit from a culture-based resource at school. If this describes your child and you would like our program's support, please reach out to one of us to get the necessary paperwork.

For families of our current students, please remember to contact us with questions, concerns, and assistance in navigating your child's high school journey!

Yaw^ko (A Big Thank You)!

Email, call, or text:

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SPRING SPORTS ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER! STUDENTS SHOULD BEGIN THINKING ABOUT SIGNING UP, GETTING THEIR PHYSICAL AND PAPERWORK COMPLETED FOR THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE.

February 3, 2024

CHESS TOURNAMENT



LOMBARDI MIDDLE SCHOOL - GREEN BAY
ALL AREA STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12 ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME.

Tournament details

Location. 1520 S Point Rd, Green Bay, WI 54313

Format. K6, K12 Divisions. Five round Swiss style, Game 30

Awards. 3 individual, 2 team trophies per division

Entry fee. \$15 advance registration by Thurs. Feb. 1st at 11:00 p.m.
\$20 onsite registration. Fee paid at check-in.

Event information

- Advance registration at www.wisconsinscholasticchess.org
- 8:00-8:30 a.m. onsite registration
- 8:00-8:45 a.m. pre-register check-in
- Round 1 begins at 9:00-9:15 a.m.
- Those arriving after 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. will begin play in Round 2.
- Checks payable to: Lombardi Middle School
- Concessions available.
- Awards at approximately 4:00 p.m. or before

Supervision

At least one designated adult supervisor must be always present during the tournament to oversee your school's team or individual participants who are in Kindergarten through 8th grade.

WSCF is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting chess as an educational tool for students throughout Wisconsin. WSCF reserves the right to change divisions and awards based on number of advance registrations.



Host contact info
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WISCONSINSCHOLASTICCHESS.ORG

Southwest Business and Marketing is happy to share we have been approved for membership to the National Business Honor Society. We have 23 students who meet the criteria for becoming members this year. Student taking electives in Business and Marketing who have GPAs of 3.5 in these elective courses and are Juniors and Seniors qualify for membership.



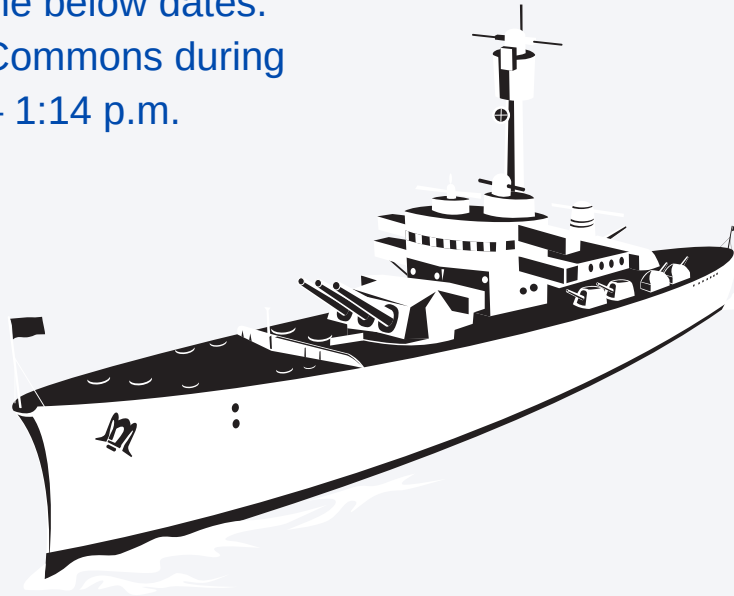
Information From Career Services...



The Navy will be visiting on the below dates. They will have a table in the Commons during lunch times from 10:40 a.m. – 1:14 p.m.

Tell your student to stop by!

- Thursday, February 15th,
- Thursday, March 21st,
- Thursday, April 18th &
- Thursday, May 16th.



CURRENT SCHEDULED ASVAB TEST:

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 @ 7:30AM (duration ~3 hours)
IN PERSON @ SOUTHWEST in the Career Center Conference Room.

Students will need to bring their fully charged school-issued laptops for this test.

**Email Career Center Coordinator, Melissa Larson Hovanick at mahovanicklarson@gbaps.org to sign up!*

From Special Education...

Our Special Education Lead teachers have created a Transition Newsletter to share with families. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform families of agencies, groups and resources available to help plan for life after high school.

[Click here for the January version in English.](#)

[Click here for the January edition in Spanish.](#)

