Dear Friends of the School District of West De Pere,

It is with both enthusiasm and humility that I write this introduction to you as your new superintendent. I am truly honored to become part of a community, which has already given me such a warm welcome! This summer, I have been spending much of my time getting to know the buildings, the school’s community and familiarizing myself with current initiatives. As the year progresses, you can expect to find me in the hallways, classrooms and at school/community events. Please take the time to introduce yourself when you see me.

The details of my educational career have been shared in other communications. Here, I want to provide you with a glimpse of my personal life. Most important to me is my faith, family, and profession. My wife and I celebrated our 29th wedding anniversary this year. We have four children – twin son and daughter age 27, a 21 year old son, and our baby girl recently turned 17. When we are not working, our favorite place is Door County. When winter weather permits, we enjoy cross country skiing. Free time in summer is often spent on or near the water doing things like kayaking and walking the beaches of Lake Michigan. I also enjoy bicycling, even in the cold winter months. My favorite time of the week is Sunday dinners as our adult children often return home to join us at the family table.

My passion is helping students achieve personal success. I value people, ideas, and relationships. I believe in transparency and treasure honesty. My professional goal has always been to foster an environment where every student graduates understanding themselves, what brings joy to their heart, and has a clear vision of the path to his/her own personal success that enables them to be a healthy, happy, productive, contributing member of our greater community. From what I have experienced thus far in West De Pere, I have no doubt that the Board of Education, staff, parents, and community at large all share in this goal.

Together we will continue to build on the great tradition of pride and excellence in West De Pere. I look forward to working with each of you.

Go Phantoms!
NOTICE OF ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

(Section 120.08 (1))

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the School District of West De Pere, that the annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business will be held in the West De Pere High School Auditorium, 665 Grant Street on the 15th day of October, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Barbara Van Deurzen
District Clerk

**The Annual Meeting Budget Report will be available at the District Office prior to the meeting upon request**

**DRAFT** AGENDA
FOR THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING
OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019  7:00 P.M.

I.  Call the meeting to order ............................................................. J. Fuss
    School Board President

II.  Pledge of Allegiance ................................................................... J. Fuss
    School Board President

III. Approval of agenda .....................................................................  J. Fuss
    School Board President

IV.  Election of Chairperson ...............................................................  J. Fuss
    School Board President

V.  Review of minutes of last Annual Meeting ..................................  B. Van Deurzen
    School Board Clerk

VI.  2018-2019 Clerk’s Report ............................................................ B. Van Deurzen
    Business Manager

VII. Superintendent’s Report .............................................................  D. Krueger
    Superintendent

VIII.  2018-2019 Treasurer’s Report & ..................................................B. Walters
    2019-2020 Proposed Budget ......................................................Business Manager

IX.  Adopt tax levy resolution .............................................................Chairperson

X.  Set salary of school board members .............................................Chairperson

XI. Set date of 2020 Annual Meeting ................................................Chairperson

XII. Any other business as provided by law .......................................Chairperson

XIII. Adjourn the meeting

Welcome!

Brian comes to us from the Marinette School District where he served as the district’s finance director. He attended UW-Whitewater for both his undergrad and graduate degrees and earned his educational specialist degree from Winona State. He began his career in education as a business education teacher in the Green Bay Area Public Schools in 2004 and has served in an administrative capacity as either a school business manager or superintendent since 2007.

In addition to his professional roles, he has coached baseball and served in supporting roles for football and wrestling. He was a multi-sport athlete for Marinette and fondly recalls his battles with West De Pere in the old Bay Conference.

He and his wife Heather have three kids Brynn (6), Brody (3), and Zoey (2) and have recently moved into the district. They are Packer, Brewer, Badger, and now PHANTOM fans, love live music, and enjoy spending time together as a family.
Attention Non-Residents of the West De Pere School District

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You are invited to visit the schools and drop off school supplies prior to your child’s first day of school. Class lists will be posted. Staff will be available to provide important information and answer questions, and collect lunch and school fees (please be prepared to pay these separately).

Westwood Elementary School
Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:30-6:00 P.M.
(920) 337-1087

Westwood Elementary
4K & Kindergarten
Tuesday, August 27, 2019 4:30-6:00 P.M.
(920) 337-1087

Hemlock Creek Elementary School
Open House Night for Grades K-5
Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:30-6:00 P.M.
(920) 425-1900

West De Pere Middle School
Open House Night
Wednesday, August 28, 2019
6th Grade Open House 6:00-8:00 P.M.
7th Grade Open House 6:30-8:30 P.M.
8th Grade Open House 7:00-9:00 P.M.
(920) 337-1099

As a convenience for those that cannot attend on August 28, you can pick up your child’s materials, pay fees and have access to their locker on August 21, 22 and 23 from 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. For more information, call (920) 337-1099.

Phantom Knight Charter School
Open House/Project Showcase • Tuesday, October 8, 2019 4:00-6:00 P.M.

All are invited to Phantom Knight Charter School Open House/Project Showcase on Tuesday, October 8. Students will be displaying projects they are working on. You will have a chance to learn amazing things from the students, meet the advisors and staff and tour the school. For more information, call (920) 425-1915.

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Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration 2019-2020

The School District of West De Pere is now registering for our Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Program for children who would be four years of age on or before September 1, 2019, and are planning to attend Four-Year-Old Kindergarten in the fall of 2019. To register, please bring your child’s birth certificate, their immunization record, and proof of residency such as a utility bill or lease agreement to either Westwood Elementary School or Hemlock Creek Elementary School.

If you have any questions concerning registration, please call Westwood Elementary at (920) 337-1087 ext. 1322; Hemlock Creek Elementary at (920) 425-1900 ext. 3320; or Scott Marsden, 4K Director at (920) 337-1087 ext. 1323.

Our Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program is half days, five days a week. Depending on space availability at each site, children may be served at a location (either school or partnering child care facility) outside of their home school attendance area. If this occurs, transportation will be provided. Four-Year-Old Kindergarten is a voluntary program and no child will be required to attend. The Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program is developmentally appropriate and may include, but is not limited to: readiness skills, language development, social development, emotional development, physical development, and self-help skills.

If you are not enrolled in our Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program, parents with children of kindergarten age (five years old) will be contacted via our school census report. If you are new to the area and have not completed a census form, please contact the district office at (920) 337-1393 ext. 8010 to have your child counted on the school census. If you know a neighbor with small children, please share this information with them.

Did you know...

Submitted by Dr. Amy LaPierre, Director of Curriculum 337-1393 ext. 8029

- West De Pere teachers have participated in a wide variety of professional development opportunities over the summer. Workshops, conferences, and/or courses offered this summer have focused on literacy, math, technology integration, and science.

- The School District of West De Pere had many things in place to encourage kids to continue to read over the summer. The high school library was open all summer. The Hemlock Creek library was open once a week through July; they held a book swap in June, and utilized a shared book recommendation Flippgrid all summer. Due to construction, the libraries at Westwood and the middle school were not able to be open, so students were encouraged to visit the Kress Library in De Pere and participate in the Brown County Library summer reading program. Westwood staff members distributed books each Thursday to students from preschool through grade 8 each week at the high school in conjunction with the district’s free lunch program. In addition, both Hemlock Creek and Westwood had books available through the “Little Free Libraries” on their grounds.

- Kristin Blanchard, 8th grade teacher at our middle school, was recognized with a scholarship to participate in a SEPUP Science Academy this summer at the University of California, Berkeley. The purpose of the Academy is to increase classroom effectiveness and develop leadership.

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Parent Meeting Night/Open House Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Four Year Old Kindergarten students and their families are invited to a Parent Meeting and Open House on Tuesday, August 27th at their class site location (see below for dates and times). Please plan to attend, as we are looking forward to meeting you and your children. You will, in turn, have an opportunity to meet the teachers and staff, learn about our 4K program, ask questions, and see the rooms. Any supplies you might have may be dropped off that evening as well. Staff will be available for the school fee payment ($15). For more information, call Mr. Scott Marsden (4K Director) at (920) 337-1087 ext. 1323.

Five-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration 2019-2020

The School District of West De Pere held kindergarten registration this spring for children who are planning to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2019. In case you missed it or do not attend our 4K program and you are planning on sending your child to kindergarten, please register your child as soon as possible at your school of residence: Hemlock Creek Elementary School, 1900 Williams Grant Dr, De Pere or Westwood Elementary School, 1155 Westwood St, De Pere.

Children must turn five years of age on or before September 1, 2019 and live in the West De Pere School District to be eligible for the West De Pere kindergarten program. For registration, you will need to bring your child’s birth certificate and proof of address. The child does not have to attend the registration. If you have any questions, please call (920) 425-1900 ext. 3320 for Hemlock Creek or (920) 337-1087 ext. 1322 for Westwood.

Pre-School Developmental Screening

The School District of West De Pere offers developmental screening for preschool-aged children. The school district uses census data to mail out the Ages and Stages developmental questionnaires throughout the year, asking parents to complete the questionnaire and return it promptly by mail. As the questionnaires are returned, school professionals score them and provide written feedback to parents on the general developmental readiness of their child(ren). In certain circumstances, the school district will invite children to participate in an additional on-site screening. If you would like to request a developmental questionnaire, please call the Department of Student Services at (920) 337-1393 ext. 8012.
Title VI
Submitted by Christine Yungwirth
Native American Home-School Liaison

What is Title VI?
Title VI, also known as “Indian Education,” is a federal funding that school districts are eligible to apply for and receive. The funds are used to support Native American and Alaskan Native students in the school district. Each district has their own objectives that they must work towards. The direct services provided must be working towards meeting their objectives. Objectives may be academic, cultural, improving graduation rates, improving parent involvement, etc. West De Pere’s objectives:

• Continue efforts to assist school staff in understanding the ways in which race, ethnicity, culture, social class, ability and language influence learning, and achievement for all students
• Continue efforts to increase participation of students who are culturally and linguistically diverse in AP classes

In order to apply for this grant, the district requires a Title VI student eligibility certification form (506 form). We use these forms to collect a count to submit when we re-apply for the formula grant.

Did you know that Wisconsin has a mandate requiring the study of Wisconsin American Indian history, culture, and tribal sovereignty? “As a result of tensions between Native and non-Native peoples over Ojibwe treaty rights, in 1989 Wisconsin legislators passed an initiative to promote Wisconsin First Nations education in our public schools. This policy requires the education of students on Wisconsin First Nations history, culture, and tribal sovereignty. The State budgetary funds appropriated to accomplish this are used to hire staff, develop curriculum, and obtain/develop classroom resource materials, provide teacher training, and hold conferences and workshops to promote and support First Nations instruction in Wisconsin public schools.” (Wisconsin Educational Act 31).

If your child, or their parent or grandparent, is an enrolled member of a Native American/Alaska Native tribe, please contact our Native American Home School Liaison, Christine Yungwirth, by email at cyungwirth@wdpsd.com or by phone at 425-1900, ext. 3233.

Assessment Change
Starting in 2019-2020
Submitted by Joe Feldhausen
Teaching & Learning Coordinator

For over ten years, West De Pere has used a collection of test providers to meet local assessment needs and state requirements. The tests included PALS in grades 4K-2 and MAP in grades 1-8. While PALS met the state requirement for a literacy screener in the early grades, MAP was used because it provided the most comprehensive assessment of student achievement that was available at the time. However, this disjointed system caused compromises that are no longer necessary. For this reason, starting with the 2019-20 school year, the West De Pere School District will be moving to a new test provider called FASTBridge. FASTBridge is a new initiative that originated at the University of Minnesota. West De Pere will be using a FASTBridge test called Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST). In only four years, FAST has spread to 46 states and has several advantages over our previous assessment system including:

• FAST takes 20-30 minutes to complete which will eliminate the disruption of the school day caused by scheduling MAP – particularly in the upper grades.
• FAST assesses the same standards as the Wisconsin Forward Exam. Our current test providers do not.
• FAST can be used with students in grades 4K-12 providing much needed consistency in younger grades as well as a potential tool for high school teachers to use.
• The teacher and student interface is much more efficient and user friendly.

Prior to making this change, pilot teachers in grades 1, 5, 7, and 9-12 used FAST during the 2018-19 school year. While no testing system is perfect, the hope of staff as well as administration is to use a more accurate tool that has the added benefit of reducing student testing fatigue.

It is important to note that the FAST test is intended to inform teachers about the progress of students. It is not a summative test like MAP or PALS which are intended for communication home. For this reason, there will no longer be testing reports sent to parents multiple times per year in grades 3-8. It is also important to note that this does not impact the state requirement that students are administered the Wisconsin Forward Exam which will be given again in spring of 2020 to students in grades 3-8 and 10. If you have any questions about the change to FASTBridge, please feel free to contact Joe Feldhausen, Teaching and Learning Coordinator.
Perfect Score
Submitted by Lisa Boyd, High School Counselor

West De Pere High School is honored to recognize Sawyer Grovogel, son of Timothy and Amy Grovogel and an incoming Senior, who earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36. Approximately two-tenths of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score. In the U.S. high school graduating class of 2018, only 3,741 out of more than 1.9 million graduates who took the ACT earned a top composite score of 36.

The ACT consists of testing in English, mathematics, reading and science, each scored on a scale of 1-36. A student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam that measures what students have learned in school. Students who earn a 36 composite score have likely mastered all of the skills and knowledge they will need to succeed in first-year college courses in the core subject areas. ACT scores are accepted by all major four-year colleges and universities across the United States.

Sawyer is ranked #1 in his junior class of 232 students. He has taken or will take twelve College Credit and/or Advanced Placement courses in his high school career. These academic achievements are all done while participating in Soccer and Football, Student Council, Class Officer, National Honor Society, SADD and Science Team at school. In our community, Sawyer volunteers with the girls’ soccer program and was a junior parkee for De Pere Park and Recreation. He also holds down a part-time job. Great job Sawyer Grovogel! We are proud to have you represent West De Pere High School.

Merit National Community Service Award
Submitted by Becky Brecklin, School Counselor

Congratulations to Scotlyn Haverkorn, daughter of Cliff Haverkorn and Stephanie Haverkorn, for receiving a Merit National Community Service Award from the United Nations Association and InnerView Technologies. Scotlyn received this award for her commitment to serving her community through completing volunteer activities that align with her interests as well as UN Global Goals. Congratulations, Scotlyn!

Garrett Schneider – A Badger Boy Representative for West De Pere High School

West De Pere High School would like to congratulate Garrett Schneider for attending Badger Boy State along with classmate Jared Colucci in June. At Badger Boy State the young men participate in a week long immersion into the workings of our government. The American Legion is our Badger Boy sponsor with the purpose of developing leadership and citizenship skills, educating youth about our system of government and American traditions and emphasizing the importance of the democratic process. Garrett was selected by the Social Studies department to also represent our school. He is the son of Troy and Peggy Schneider.

Chad Federman, Carissa Nusbaum, Krista Herman, Alyssa Racine, Jeff Hockers (and not pictured), Joleen Bratz, Laura Lenss and Fenton Lenss.

Congratulations to the high school special education department for receiving the Teacher of Distinction award at The Golden Apple event! An honor well deserved!
STUDENT CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It’s imperative that we have correct address information for students and parents/guardians. Any change of address and contact information should be promptly reported to the school office of attendance. Under certain circumstances, state law permits a student to continue to attend school in a district even after they move out of that district. Please contact the school office of your student’s attendance or the district office for more information.

Student Services News
Submitted by Amy Schuh, Director of Student Services

The Department of Student Services is responsible for special education and other pupil services programs provided by the district. The areas of school counseling, school psychology, school nursing, school social work, English Language Learners (ELL) and Title VI (support for Native American students and families) are coordinated from this office. These services are designed to help support students’ academic, behavioral and emotional development.

Please check out the link for the Student Services Department, which can be accessed through the School District of West De Pere’s website (www.wdpsd.com). You can access information related to Special Education, Title VI, English Language Learners (ELL), McKinney-Vento Act (rights of families who are displaced and without stable housing) and a link to Brown County United Way’s site.

Congratulations!!!

Three of our teachers, Mrs. Buboltz, Ms. Buhl & Mrs. Coopman, along with one of our students Gracie, completed the Cellcom Half Marathon as a part of My Team Triumph.

Congratulations Gracie’s Girls!!! Principal Russ Gerke stopped by to show his support.

West De Pere Varsity Baseball

The 2019 West De Pere Varsity Baseball Team will go down as one of the best in school history! The team finished the season with a 28-3 record, which included a 17-1 conference record, earning them their 5th consecutive Bay Conference Championship. The team advanced to the WIAA State Tournament for the first time since 2010 by knocking off defending state champ Waupun and rival Seymour in the sectionals. The team came up just short in the state semifinal against eventual State Champion Antigo. The team's motto for the season was “Together” and they should be proud of their run to the state tournament and how they did it “Together”. The team was coached by Joe Rukamp, Brian Schumacher, Adam Smet, Frank Schumacher, and Nick Pierre. The team was composed of seniors: Parker Nimmer, Aidan Ahrens, Connor Langreder, Matt Kempen, Hunter Towslee, Jacob Kocken, Connor Dugre, Ben Cherney, Ryan Pawlowski, Zach Ziesmer, and Bennett Olson; juniors: Ben Hampton, Cameron Dupont, Ethan Habetler, Sam Mommaerts, and Tyler Rukamp; and sophomores: Kaden Kosobucki, Josh Blount, and Braydon Skenandore.
Submitted by Mike Kowalczyk

This year’s elementary and middle school summer school program was attended by over 800 students.

Students participated in classes at Hemlock Creek Elementary and West De Pere High School.

Course favorites for students in grades 1-9 included Crafty Kids, Lego Creative, Sweet tooth, Summer at Hogwarts, Play 120, Coding for Kids, Babysitter Training and Mastermind Madness to name just a few.

Kindergarten students were offered a new selection of course this summer including Full STEAM ahead, Adventures in Reading, Champions on the Move, Kindergarten Creations, and It’s A Zoo in here.

Thank you, parents and staff, for making the move to the High School this year a smooth transition.

Hemlock Creek Elementary school will pilot a Kindergarten Camp, August 19-22, for students registered to attend kindergarten in the fall at Hemlock Creek Elementary school. For more information please visit the district website at www.wdpsd.com
West De Pere
Dance Experience
Friday, October 18th, 2019

The West De Pere Dance Team will be hosting their annual Dance Experience clinic on Friday, October 19. Open to 4K-8th graders, participants will learn a dance routine to be performed at the half time of the West De Pere Varsity football game. Those interested can follow WDP Dance Team on Facebook for further information. Online registration will be made available as we near the event. Questions can be directed to Coach at wdpdanceclinic@gmail.com.

2019 Memorial Day Parade
Middle School Band and Drumline
Congratulations to the WDP MS Physical Education Students of the Week for the 2018-19 school year! These students exhibit respect, sportsmanship, teamwork, compassion, fairness, honesty, integrity, responsibility, pride, unity, courage, and citizenship. Today we took a celebratory field trip to Titletown District Park.

Ms. Kempen’s class celebrated Earth Day yesterday by picking up some litter around the neighborhood! Thanks for bettering our community, much appreciated!

WDP MS 8th graders toured the sites in Washington, D.C.

Hemlock Creek -End of year (PBIS) Positive Behavioral Invention and Supports Celebration
Phantom Fun Run/Walk

Hemlock Creek Elementary School is hosting their 4th Annual Phantom Fun Run/Walk on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 6:00pm to raise money for new playground equipment at Hemlock Creek Elementary School. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun as this is a community event! Bring your whole family and run or walk the 2-mile non-timed course located in close proximity to Hemlock Creek Elementary School. Enjoy a chocolate milk and light snacks after the race, followed by activities including exploring a Town of Lawrence fire truck and police car on display, a performance by the WDP Dance Team, Crossfit Kids activities, hula hooping, music, and more! Registration forms and information can be found at https://tinyurl.com/y4rraxun and be dropped off or mailed to the Hemlock Creek Elementary School office.

Any questions can be directed to Andrea Brehm at abrehm@wdpsd.com. Hope to see you there!
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- Student Academic Standards
- The School District of West De Pere will continue to implement the Wisconsin Academic Standards. Details of these standards can be viewed at http://dpi.wi.gov/standards.
- Educational Options
- Student Assessments and Information
- Public Notice of Nondiscrimination
- Student Nondiscrimination in Relation to Career and Technical Education
- All career and technical education opportunities will be offered on a nondiscriminatory basis (without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, etc.).
- Education of Homeless Children and Youths-McKinney-Vento Act—Help for Displaced Families
- Notice of Child Find
- Notice of Student Privacy
- Human Growth and Development Instruction
- Notice of Special Education Referral and Evaluation Procedures
- Notice of Special Needs Scholarship Program
- District and School Accountability
- Results from the Forward Exam, the ACT, ACT Aspire, DLM, and WKCE will all be reported in the WISEdash Public Portal, which can be accessed at http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/portalHome.jsp.
- Title I Program
  - Link to Title I Parent Involvement Policy 6191)
  - Parents of students in any of our Title I funded schools may request and obtain information regarding the professional qualifications of their child’s classroom teachers, including, at a minimum:
    1. Whether the student’s teachers as (a) met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction, (b) is teaching under emergency or provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived, and (c) is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher; and
    2. Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and, if so, their qualifications.
- Student Attendance
- Use or Possession of Electronic Communication Devices
- Student Bullying
- Student Records
- Recruiter Access to Students/Records
- Meningococcal Disease Information
- Asbestos Management Plan Notification
- Student Religious Accommodations
- Education for Employment/Academic and Career Planning
- Program of Curricular Modifications

To view our District Wellness Policy #1326, please visit http://www.wdpsd.com/board-of-education/board-policies

BUSSING AND TRANSPORTATION
Policy #3541

Students who are residents within the School District of West De Pere attendance boundaries are entitled to transportation provided by the school district if the following conditions apply:

- All students living two miles or more from the school they are required to attend will be transported.
- Students living less than two miles from the school they are required to attend will be transported if they are subjected to an “unusual hazard” area while walking to school. All students between 4K and 6th grade will be considered for bussing if they live in an area considered an “unusual hazard”. Such “unusual hazard” must be consistent with School Board Policy 3541(R). These hazardous areas will be re-evaluated every five (5) years. Affected families will be advised in writing of any bussing change that is a result of this re-evaluation.
- Parents of students not eligible for district funded transportation may contract for such directly with the bus contractor.
- Beginning the 2017-2018 school year, all resident 4K students will be offered transportation to and from the school they attend.

Disabled Students

(a) Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, transportation shall be provided to those students who reside within the school district and the students’ IEP determines transportation to be a related service.

(b) Disabled students will be transported on the regular buses if they are able to get on and off the bus with little or no assistance and do not require any special care while on the bus.

(c) The district will provide the necessary transportation for disabled students who cannot ride the regular school bus.

(d) Every occupant shall be secured to the wheelchair while being transported. The securement shall be separate and in addition to securing the wheelchair to the bus. Belts securing the occupant to the wheelchair shall be the responsibility of the owner of the wheelchair, parent or guardian.

A copy of the entire policy is available at www.wdpsd.com or call the District Office, (920) 337-1393 during regular office hours.

USE OF VIDEO MONITORING SYSTEMS ABOARD SCHOOL BUSES
Policy #3545

In accordance with the West De Pere School Board policy 3545, please be advised of the following regarding video monitoring on school buses.

In an attempt to better regulate student behavior aboard contracted school buses, the district is utilizing equipment in the form of video monitoring devices on some of the buses. Buses with monitoring devices on board will have a notice displayed inside the bus near the camera.

A copy of the entire policy is available at www.wdpsd.com or call the District Office, (920) 337-1393 during regular office hours.
TOBACCO/NICOTINE USE 
ON SCHOOL PREMISES Policy #1335
Tobacco and nicotine use is prohibited at all times on school premises. “School premises” include all property owned by, rented by or under the control of the School District of West De Pere. Possession of tobacco or nicotine products by minors is prohibited.

The administrative staff shall inform students, staff and the general public about this policy and shall establish enforcement procedures.

For purposes of this policy, “Tobacco and nicotine use” means to chew or maintain any substance containing tobacco, including smokeless tobacco, in the mouth to derive the effects of tobacco, as well as all uses of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, any other matter or substances that contain tobacco or nicotine, in addition to papers used to roll cigarettes and/or the smoking of electronic, “vapor,” or other substitute forms of cigarettes, clove cigarettes and any other lighted smoking devices for burning tobacco, nicotine, or any other substance.

DISTRICT RESIDENT REQUEST FOR SCHOOL TRANSFER Policy #5007
District residents who request to transfer schools within the School District of West De Pere for the 2020-2021 school year are due January 31, 2020. Guidelines to the West De Pere policy #5007 are:

1. Only written requests will be considered.

2. Requests by district residents for school transfer shall be made in writing during the month of January. Requests received after January 31st may be considered if space is available. Applicants should submit their written request by completing the “District Resident Request for School Transfer” form. Written requests should be submitted to the school office. Final decisions will be made by the building principals. Parents/guardians have the right to appeal decisions to the district office.

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DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS Policy #1336
It shall be the policy of the School District of West De Pere to adopt and maintain drug free facilities and programs. As such, use or possession of illicit drugs and/or alcohol by students, staff, or citizens will not be tolerated and will be punished to the fullest extent of existing laws. Enforcement of this policy may include canine searches, breathalyzers, and/or undercover investigations.

The District will develop education, prevention, and assistance programs for both students and staff recognizing that punishment is not effective as a sole measure. The community will also be informed of the drug-free expectations via public notice and posting in appropriate places throughout district facilities.

The drug-free efforts and programs shall be evaluated as to the effectiveness of the program and enforcement of sanctions.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES
Policy 5130 (Reference: 1989 Wisconsin Act 120, Wisc. Stats.118.258)
It is the policy of the School District of West De Pere that students who possess an electronic communication device during the school day will be required to keep the device off should the administration have determined that the device has become a disruption in the school setting.

Electronic recording devices are prohibited from use and display while in district facilities or while in attendance at district sponsored activities in places where others have a reasonable expectation of privacy to include, but not limited to, locker rooms, shower rooms, restrooms.

If a device is confiscated for disruptive use, it will be held by school officials for return to parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student, retained for disciplinary reasons, or turned over to law enforcement officers. Students will be disciplined in accordance with procedures specified in relevant District policies, school handbooks, and State and Federal Statutes.

Use or possession of an electronic device is allowed if the school board or its designee determines that the device is used or possessed for medical, school, educational, vocational, or other legitimate use.

Students violating this policy may be subject to suspension, expulsion, or other penalties. Students shall be informed of this policy through publication in the student handbook.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION
This notice has been written to comply with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) regulations requiring yearly notification of asbestos activities within the School District of West De Pere.

An Asbestos Management Plan was developed in 1988 and has been continually maintained and updated since that time. The Management Plan is available to anyone for viewing during normal business hours by appointment only, when such appointment is made with the designated person at least one working day in advance.

Abatement of asbestos containing building materials is performed when necessary by accredited persons prior to disturbance during scheduled renovation or construction projects.

Any future asbestos activities will again be published along with the annual written notice. If you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact Terry Vande Hey, District Facilities Manager.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE ANNUAL INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PLAN NOTICE
This notice has been written to comply with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State of Wisconsin indoor environmental quality (IEQ) program.

An IEQ Management Plan was recently developed and adopted (July 2013) and will be continually maintained and updated. The Management Plan is available to anyone for viewing during normal business hours by appointment only, when such appointment is made with the designated person at least one working day in advance.

The IEQ program was developed to ensure appropriate indoor air quality within our school buildings in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes 118.075 (3) and (4), indoor environmental quality (IEQ) in schools.

Any future IEQ activities will again be published along with the annual written notice. If you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact Terry Vande Hey, District Facilities Manager.
• All medications will be dispensed by designated office personnel.

• Medication forms are now available on the School Nurse district web page.

• Over the counter/nonprescription medication

• Medication needs at school:
  • Rashes of unknown origin
  • Contagious illnesses such as chicken pox, strep throat, “pink eye” conjunctivitis, impetigo, scabies, live head lice, or other determined by healthcare provider
  • Rashes of unknown origin

Medication needs at school:

• Prescription medication must have a physician’s order to dispense medication at school and is completed annually. The prescription drug must be supplied by the student’s parent or guardian in the original pharmacy-labeled package. The package must specify the student’s name, the prescriber’s name, the name of the drug, the dose, the route, the effective date and the directions in a legible format.

• Over the counter/nonprescription medication requires parent or guardian consent and is completed annually. The nonprescription drug product must be supplied by the student’s parent or guardian in the manufacturer’s package and the package must list the ingredients and recommended therapeutic dose in a legible format. A student may be administered a nonprescription drug product in a dosage other than the recommended therapeutic dose only if the request to do so is accompanied by the written approval of the student’s healthcare provider.

• Medication forms are now available on the School Nurse district web page or the school office.

• All medications will be dispensed by designated office personnel. Phone instructions or hand written notes will not be accepted to dispense medication at school. The West De Pere School District will not supply medication.

Please keep your student home if they are sick! If your student becomes ill during the school day, the following general guidelines will be used by school staff to determine if your student should be sent home:

• Influenza like illness – symptoms such as ear temperature of 101.0 F or greater, along with respiratory symptoms of cough, runny nose, sore throat, headache, body aches, chills, and fatigue

• Ear temperature/fever of 101.0 F or greater

• Vomiting and diarrhea

• Contagious illnesses such as chicken pox, strep throat, “pink eye” conjunctivitis, impetigo, scabies, live head lice, or other determined by healthcare provider

• Rashes of unknown origin

Emergency Action Plan, Individual Health Plan or Health Alert; this plan communicates with school staff specific medical needs your student may have in the school setting. Health plans must be updated annually and are completed with the school nurse. Please contact the school nurse if you feel your student is in need of a health plan at school.

Meningococcal disease is a rare, but potentially deadly, bacterial infection that can take the form of meningitis. Teenagers and college students are at risk for this disease due to lifestyle factors. Meningococcal bacteria are transmitted through air droplets and/or by direct contact with secretions from infected persons. Meningococcal disease is often misdiagnosed since symptoms are similar to those of common viral illnesses. Symptoms may include a high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light, confusion, exhaustion and/or a rash. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends routine vaccine immunization for 11-12 years old with a booster at age 16. Teens and young adults (16 through 23 years old) may also be vaccinated. Information is available on the School Nurse Web page, your healthcare provider or your local public health department.

Together, we can keep our students healthy and in school. Thank you!

Wisconsin Immunization Law

Any student admitted to any elementary, middle, junior, or senior high school shall, within 30 school days after the date on which the student is admitted, present written evidence to the school of having completed the first immunization for each vaccine required for the student’s grade and on schedule for the remainder of the basic and recall (booster) immunization series for mumps, measles, rubella (German Measles), diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), poliomyelitis, tetanus, and other diseases that the department specifies by rule or shall present a written waiver. The immunization requirement is waived if the student, if an adult, or the student's parent, guardian, or legal custodian submits a written statement to the school objecting to the immunization for reasons of health, religion, or personal conviction. The student, if an adult, or the student's parent, guardian, or legal custodian shall keep the school informed of the student's compliance with the immunization schedule.

For more information, please go to: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/childhood.htm or contact Dawn Schaeffer, West De Pere School Nurse at (920) 337-1393 extension 8031 if you have questions.
Here are the building blocks for the 2019 varsity football season at West De Pere. No doubt, the future looks bright!

Activity Behavior Expectations
On behalf of the student participants, coaches, advisors and event staff, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your cooperation at the various activities at West De Pere High School.

• All children kindergarten through 5th grade must be accompanied by an adult to enter high school activities.
• All children kindergarten through 8th grade must remain with their parents in the bleachers or other assigned seating unless going to the restroom or concession stand.
• All middle school and high school students must present their school ID in order to attend a high school activity free of charge. If no ID is presented, students will be charged the admission fee.

All dates are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please go to www.bayconference.org

Sports & Activity Schedules
For the most up-to-date West De Pere sports and activity schedules, please go to www.bayconference.org. Choose “West De Pere” and you will find today’s activities listed. For specific schedules, select an activity in the “View Schedules” list (below the calendar on the right). Then click “View”. This will show you an updated schedule for whatever activity you would like to view. You can also reach the Bay Conference website through the district website at www.wdpsd.com (click on the high school webpage), or feel free to contact the West De Pere Activities Office at (920) 338-5229 with questions.

WEST DE PERE HIGH SCHOOL DONOR BRICK PAVERS
Cement the name of a loved one in West De Pere history with a personalized brick that will be set in the plaza area of the football stadium or baseball field.

*For more information contact Christie Thiesfeldt • cthiesfeldt@wdpsd.com • (920) 337-1393 ext.8025

Quality Teachers
The School District of West De Pere is committed to providing highly qualified teachers to the students of our school district. All teachers in the school district have at least a bachelor’s degree and are licensed for their assignment. If you want to view the state qualification for your child’s teacher, you may ask your school principal or find it on the State Department of Public Instruction website at http://dpi.wi.gov/tepdl/license-lookup/public-search. The Board of Education will continue to place a high priority on hiring the most qualified educators and providing support for their continued professional growth. If you would like more information about teacher licensure or other aspects of school operations, please contact Superintendent Denise Krueger.
Submitted by Maggie Gertz

Over the past year, theatre students had the opportunity to explore and perform three different productions.

In the fall, 44 students were involved in Booby Trap, a competitive one act drama about a US soldier trapped on a landmine. Students learned about the military as well as the emotional toll that war takes on a person and their loved ones. The production won five awards at the State Competition, including a Critic’s Choice Award, one of the highest honors.

This past winter, 79 students were involved in Spamalot, a musical based on Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Over 800 people attended the 3-day run and students were able to explore British accents, tap dancing, and animation effects as part of the production.

Earlier this month, 57 students performed Be More Chill, a sci-fi, comedy musical about an average high school junior, who gets a supercomputer implanted his brain that teaches him how to be cooler and more popular. Students were able to stretch their acting, musical, and technical limits with this contemporary rock/pop show. West De Pere is the first school in Wisconsin to produce this unique musical.

Save the Date (Subject to change. For the most up to date information on the WDPHS Theatre program, go to www.facebook.com/WDPTheatre)

OCTOBER 27 @ 7:00 PM
One Act Public Performance

NOVEMBER 7 @ 7:00 PM
One Act Public Performance

NOVEMBER 21 @ 2:00 PM
One Act School Performance (pending advancement to State Competition)

FEBRUARY 21, 22, 29, 29
Winter Play Performances

Free and Reduced Meal Programs

The School District of West De Pere has free and reduced meal programs available to families at any time during the school year. These programs are based on federal income levels. Any student who qualifies for free or reduced lunch will also qualify for free or reduced breakfast. Any kindergarten student who qualifies for free or reduced meals will also qualify for free kindergarten milk break milks.

Should you have any questions regarding student accounts or free/reduced meal applications, please contact Diane at (920) 337-1393 ext. 8023. If you have any questions regarding the Food Service Department, please contact Kaitlin at (920) 337-1393 ext. 8045.

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Free Summer Lunch

A huge thanks to everyone who participated in our free summer lunch program! We had a great time feeding all those smiling faces this summer. The Summer Lunch program is free to anyone 18 and under. Summer meals will be held at Westwood Elementary for the summer of 2020.

Can’t wait to see you there!