

## **Motivational Speaker, Purple Heart Award Recipient to Speak With Students About Perseverance, Sacrifice and Leadership**

New Berlin, Wis. - The School District of New Berlin is proud to host Purple Heart Award recipient and motivational speaker Jason Church at both middle/high schools in May.

Church, a Wisconsin native who played football and participated in ROTC while attending the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, lost both of his legs because of an improvised explosive device, or IED, during a tour in Afghanistan as a battlefield infantry officer in the United States Army.

Sen. Ron Johnson met Church at Walter Reed Hospital and was so impressed with his strength of character, courage, and willingness to persevere through adversity that he invited Church to work for him in his Washington, D.C. office specializing in international relations. Church now attends law school in Madison and occasionally speaks about his experiences around the country.

Church will speak to SDNB students at:

- New Berlin West, 18695 W. Cleveland Ave., 10:45-11:45 a.m., Thursday, May 26
- New Berlin Eisenhower, 4333 S. Sunnyslope Rd., 10:45-11:45 a.m. Friday, May 27

[Click here](#) for a short video of Church's remarkable story.

"We are thrilled and honored that Mr. Church is able to come and speak with our students and deliver a message to them about sacrifice, leadership and perseverance in the face of adversity," Superintendent Joe Garza said.

Media interested in attending either speaking event should contact Coordinator of Communications David Cotey at [david.cotey@nbexcellence.org](mailto:david.cotey@nbexcellence.org) or 262-789-6225.

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