



New Berlin West Viking Voice

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Upcoming Events

See what's happening this month.

- **March 2 & 3:** "Black Voices" Movie Series
- **March 3 & 4:** DECA State
- **March 4 & 5:** AcDec State
- **March 9:** ACT - All Juniors
- **March 9:** All 9, 10, 12 graders Virtual Learning
- **March 17 & 18:** Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
- **April 1:** End of Q3
- **April 2-9:** Spring Break

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Principal's Message

Greetings Parents,

As you receive this communication, we are fully immersed in the second semester of the school year and continue to engage our students in learning whether in person or virtually. We have had a successful first semester, despite the challenges, and continue forward with hope for continued and greater achievements as we move forward in the school year.



As we reflect on the first semester along with our looking forward, you will note in this communication:

- **Accomplishments of Students** in a variety of areas including a district spelling bee winner, our Cyberpatiriot student success, and our first semester honor roll.
- **Kindness and Compassion** - We continue our work to educate our students in

- Counselor Corner
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understanding and promote kindness and empathy for others. Some of this work is highlighted in learning more about different cultures and backgrounds to better understand the impact of what we say and do and how it may be perceived.

- **Opportunities and Information** - Please note the information in the newsletter about upcoming deadlines for our Early College Credit Programming along with our Start College Now program. If you have additional questions about these, please contact your counselor. We also have added a homework club that meets after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We work to consistently celebrate the achievements of our students as well as to support them in their continued growth. You will see examples of this work throughout our newsletter and in the actions of our students and staff. While we don't expect to be perfect, we will remain focused on these goals for our students to support their growth and transition into their post-secondary experience.

Lastly, our instructional staff, students and families continue to do well with all of the challenges we face this year. Our appreciation for this year continues as we navigate the varied obstacles that are different from other years. Please reach out to a teacher if you have a question or concern so that we can communicate effectively and work to best support all of our students and families.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement as we move into the second semester!

Go Vikings!

With gratitude,

Michael



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Counselor Corner

College in High School

Reminder:

If you've taken a college-level course, remember to request an official transcript from the university where you took the course to receive official credit from the college.

Are you interested in taking a [college-level course while in high school](#) that the School District of New Berlin currently does not offer for fall 2021? If so, there is some important upcoming deadlines:

March 1

- Early College Credit Program (WI 2-4 year public/private colleges)
 - Grades 9-12
 - [UW Colleges Application](#)
 - [Private Colleges Application](#)
 - [WI Department of Public Instruction \(DPI\) Information Page](#)
- Start College Now (WI tech colleges)
 - Grades 11-12
 - [Technical Colleges Application](#)

March 9th

- ACT Test
 - Practice! Practice! Practice!
 - ACT Preparation

Senior Parents

Has your child finished applying for college? If not, we would love to help! Please use the link below to book an appointment with your counselor and they will help you take this big step toward your future!

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New Berlin West Celebrates Black History Month

Students, administrators, staff, Clubs, and Interdisciplinary teaching activities unite in CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY through

education, creation, appreciation, discussion, and awareness:

Here are some of the activities students and participated in:

- Weekly Zoom Movie & Discussions in the "Black Voices" movie series.
- Weekly themed music during passing time (Harlem Renaissance - 50s to 80s - Modern - International)
- Quilt Project Art Installation (with 20th Century and Art classes)
- Diversity-themed Poster Competition (with Spanish classes)
- Hanging signs of distinguished People of Color who have made a historical, local/global impact with significant contributions to the world down every hallway (with NHS)
- Display of Authors and Books (with IMC/Library)
- "Being American is more than a pride we inherit, it's the past we step into and how we repair it." - Amanda Gorman, from "The Hill We Climb".
- Special thanks to Beth Vento, Jessica Santiago and their multidisciplinary ideas may be the first for New Berlin West, and put into motion this year inspires our community for years to come.



Take a glimpse at the signs that decorated the halls of New Berlin West along with passing-time music by influential People of Color that rang throughout the building as students traveled from class to class.



"Black Voices" Movie Series

In celebration and recognition of Black History Month, New Berlin West will be hosting a Black Voices movie series that will explore a variety of

issues that impact Americans. Students, staff and families are welcome to watch the film on Tuesday nights and then join a discussion the following night. Links for the film and discussions will be shared weekly.

Week 4: Have Mercy Movie

Week 4: Have Mercy Discussion



Technology Support is available for both on-site and virtual students. Please contact TechKNOW using one of the following methods below.

Virtual Learners

Call: (262) 789-6290

Email: TechKNOW@nbexcellence.org

On-Site Learners

Call: (262) 789-6290

Email: TechKNOW@nbexcellence.org

By Appointment: [Book Online](#)

(on-site students only)



Off-site printing is now available to virtual students who need to print from their SDNB Chromebooks to their home printer while learning from home.

[Click here for instructions for printing Off-site from Chromebooks.](#)

**West Student
Crowned 2021
District Spelling
Bee Champion**

Congratulations to 8th



Congratulations Semester 1 Honor Roll Recipients

To qualify for the Honor Roll students must have no incomplete grades and be enrolled to earn no less than six (6) credits per year during grades 7-11, five (5) credits during 12th grade.

- **High Honor Roll:** GPA of 4.000 and above
- **A Honor Roll:** GPA of 3.667 and above
- **B Honor Roll:** GPA if 3.000 and above

[Middle School Honor Roll](#)

[High School Honor Roll](#)

grader, Vivian Dinh, on winning this year's District Spelling Bee title.

Vivian will now advance to the CESA regional spelling bee in March.



Congratulations, Vivian!



West CyberVikings

As we enter our final week of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, we wanted to congratulate one of our Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs), the West CyberVikings. The group of computer science students recently competed and ranked 1st in Wisconsin's Cyberpatriot competition. The students competed against other teams to see who does the best job strengthening and defending simulated computer networks.



Austin Kugler
Junior



Jazz VanBlaricum
Senior



Eric Western
Senior



Jared Somogji
Sophomore



Sidd Tiwari
Senior



Saghar Homayounpour
West Computer Science Teacher



Anthony Dzirkowski
Freshman



Best Buddies - New Collaborative Club At NB West

Best Buddies Friendship program builds one-on-one friendships between people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), offering social interactions while improving the quality of life and level of inclusion for a population that is often isolated and excluded. Through their participation, people with IDD form meaningful connections with their peers, gain self-confidence and self-esteem, and share interests, experiences and activities that many other individuals enjoy.



Despite the restrictions of our current pandemic, Best Buddies is still finding ways to participate in many fun activities this school year. So far, fun times have included a trip to Lindners Pumpkin Farm, rock painting, creating greeting cards for a local nursing home, and a Christmas movie viewing with popcorn and juice.. They have also played the card game Uno, made milkshakes, decorated Valentine cookies, played more Uno, and watched a Snoopy movie. Best Buddies have also sold t-shirts to students and staff for “Spread the Word to end the Word” Awareness Month, which takes place in March. Future plans for the group include members making a video to go along with the “Spread the Word” campaign to share with the school community.

Staff member and co-advisor, Tracy Hahn says, “Best Buddies brings students together by just sharing time with each other. I know the buddies look forward to our activities each month, and the associate

buddies enjoy planning and running our activities. With Covid it has been a little more challenging to find a variety of activities to do, but in actuality, the kids just enjoy spending time together.” Mrs. Hahn continues, “It is awesome to see the inclusion and the interaction amongst all of the students”.

From student Kierra Peterey, “Best Buddies brings students together because not only can any student from our high school join the group, but also because we get to join in with kids we may not have a chance to talk to everyday or see in our classrooms. It allows opportunities to create friendships and get to know everyone while doing different fun activities. It helps us better understand the values of friendships in many ways. Working with the foundation kids has been a wonderful experience. Each and everyone of them are so unique and creative in their own ways, and it's so fun to have amazing kids like that to hangout with.”

Kierra added, “I’ve become especially close to a certain few of the other kids and they are such an amazing support system to have. They are so bright and positive to have at the end of a long school day. We may all seem different, but we are all humans who love to have fun.”



All students are welcome to join our meetings. All grades are welcome. We would love to have more 6th-10th grade students join us. We meet once or twice a month on Wednesdays.

Reminder! March 9th

Students Grades 9, 10, 21: All Virtual Learning

Students Grade 11: ACT Testing

Students Grades 7 & 8: Follow Normal Schedule



Homework Help Club - Free After School Tutoring!

New Berlin West High School is continuing its voluntary tutoring program for 7, 8, 9, and 10th graders run by National Honors Society (NHS) members who are Juniors or Seniors.

The program runs Thursdays each week in West's Library from 3-4 p.m.

Transportation not be provided.

Following the school's standards in place for social distancing.

Homework Help Club Dates:

- March 4, 11, 18, 25
- April 1, 15, 22, 29
- May (yet to be determined)

This program will be headed by NHS member Maya Audi
(ma1007@stu.nbexcellence.org).

POSTSECONDARY READINESS OPTIMIZED PATHWAYS PROGRAM



In the School District of New Berlin, our mission is to to empower, inspire and support our students to ensure they graduate College, Career & Life Ready. For our secondary students, participation in our Pathways PROgram is just one of the ways that they can reach this milestone. The PROgram, an acronym for "postsecondary readiness optimized", provides a framework for students to explore a career pathway in high-skill, in-demand industry sectors while still in high school.



BUSINESS & MARKETING

Specific Pathways:

General Management
Business Information Management
Marketing Communication
Marketing Research
Professional Sales



Take

Aligned Courses: See ACP Guide pgs. 20 & 40

Join

Student Organizations: DECA, SkillsUSA

Earn

Industry Credentials: A*S*K, Certiport
Technical Honors Certificate: See ACP Guide pg. 117

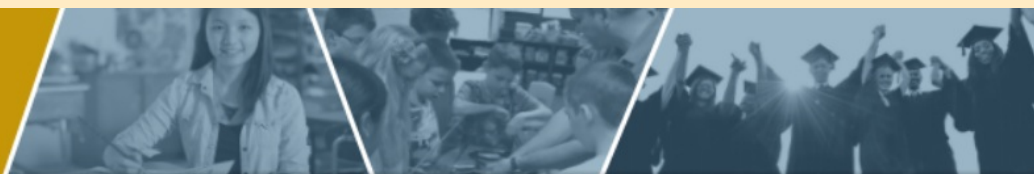
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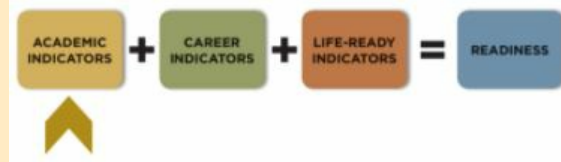
Career-Based Learning Experience:
See ACP Guide pg. 130

BECOME A PATHWAYS PRO:

Interested in learning more about the Business Administration Pathways PROgram?
Here's next steps:

- Review the Programs of Study pages in the ACP Guide found at:
https://www.nbexcellence.org/cms_files/resources/NBSO_COURSEGUIDE_2021-22.pdf to find a Pathway you wish to explore.
- Contact your school counselor to let them know you are interested in exploring one of the Business & Marketing Pathways. They will review, and help update, your academic and career plan accordingly.





The district's formula for College and Career Readiness is made up of different combinations of academic, career and life ready indicators. Academic indicators of course play an important role in the formula. For each indicator, we have developed benchmarks that reflect what is valued in our district. The chart below contains a comprehensive list of acceptable academic indicators and related benchmarks. Please be aware...students do not need to meet benchmarks against all of these indicators in order to be considered College and Career Ready (CCR). Rather, all students must meet a minimum grade-point average (GPA) benchmark *plus meet the benchmarks for one to three additional indicators of their choosing*, dependent upon which composite criteria they decide to use for themselves in order to qualify for a CCR, or Distinguished CCR (DCCR) distinction at graduation. Of course, students are welcome to meet as many benchmarks as is relevant and practical, depending upon their Academic and Career Plan.

What You Can Do Now To Support Your Student:
Review the [SDNB research-based metrics](#) in more detail to understand the research behind why the district places value on these indicators.

Additional Resources:

- [ACT and SAT](#)
- [Dynamic Learning Maps](#)
- [Grading information](#)
- Read course description for Algebra II found on pg. 73 in [ACP Guide](#)
- Check out information on Advanced Placement, Dual Credit and Advanced Standing coursework found in the [ACP Guide](#) beginning on pg. 113.
- SDNB's college in high school initiative [Accomplish More in 4 flyer](#)

We are interested in your questions and feedback.
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ACADEMIC INDICATORS

BENCHMARK	CCR GRADUATE	DISTINGUISHED CCR GRADUATE
ACT Superscore	English (18) Reading (22) Science (23) Math (22)	same
SAT	Reading & Writing (480) Math (530)	same
Dynamic Learning Maps	Score of 3 or 4	same
Grade-Point Average	Unweighted 2.8 or better	Unweighted 3.0 or better
Algebra II Proficiency	A, B or C	A or B
Advanced Placement Exam	3 or better	4 or better
Advanced Placement Coursework	A, B or C	A or B
Dual Credit Math/English	A, B or C	A or B
Dual Credit "Other" Coursework	A, B or C	A or B
Advanced Standing Coursework	A, B or C	A or B
College-Level English/Math Proficiency	Early Math Placement Tool: Level 5 or above Early English Placement Tool: Level 2 or above	same

Viking Athletic Live Streaming - Watch your favorite sports and athletes from home!

WIAA Winter Sports Streaming on Facebook Live and YouTube Live

In-person spectating of sports may not be an option for Viking fans this year, however that does not mean you have to miss viewing a game or competition! Find links to football, volleyball, soccer, girls swim, and more on

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