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Upcoming Events

See what's happening this month.

- Jan 25-Feb 8: 2021-22 Course Request Window Open
- Jan 27: End of Semester I
- Jan 28 & 29: No School
- Feb 2: 10th grade CSBL panel
- Feb 3: Virtual Student Material Pick-Up Day
- Feb 15: No School

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Principal's Message

Greetings Parents,



As we complete the first semester of the school year, we would like to thank you and your students along with our staff for their efforts to support us in getting to this point successfully. We have a lot to be thankful for as our students and families have had choices in how they have accessed school this year and we are able to conduct school and activities in a way to support positive experiences for this year despite some of the challenges we face. Moving forward, we are hopeful that we will be able to continue to provide these and more experiences for our students and families, especially as we move to spring and look toward some of our traditional celebratory activities.

Also, we are sharing with you the building goals we have with our staff and students for the school year. We are focusing our goals in the area of academics, school culture

- Cyber Patriots & DECA accomplishments
- 21-22 Course Request Window Now Open
- Pathways Program
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- Homework Help Club
- Suicide Prevention PSA
- String Fest
- College & Career Readiness

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and climate, and college/career readiness and exposure for our students. Below is a bit more information that relates to each of our goals and we will continue to share these and our progress with you as we continue this work:

Academic - we measure our academic progress through local, state, and national measures. Each of these have their own benefits in the feedback we get for students and a measure of both individual students and our school on how we are performing at an individual, state and national level. When our students take assessments such as the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) exam, this assessment shows their growth in math and literacy and is given three times per year. This is an assessment for all students in grades 7-10 in the areas of reading, English language, and math. We also have yearly assessments that we use to monitor growth including the state Forward and ACT Aspire exams as well as the ACT exam that is for all juniors. Each of these assessments has value that we will speak to further as we continue to share information.


Culture - our focus in working with students and staff is to have an environment where all students feel welcome and supported in our school. We have committees of staff members and for staff members and students that support this important work each year. This year we added a monthly meeting of Ask Admin Anything (AAA) that allows students to ask questions and get feedback on things they may be wondering about or see as a challenge for them in the school experience.

College/Career - We focus this area on exposure for students to the different opportunities for them beyond high school. Our goal is to expose our students to as many different experiences as possible so that they have information on which to make informed choices as they transition into post-secondary experiences. One of our events this year, the virtual Career Fair for seventh graders, provided them the opportunity to see and hear from people in a variety of careers by choice and learn more about the experiences, education, and requirements to engage in each particular career.

As we continue through the year, we will maintain our focus and provide further updates on these goals for you as partners in our work. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to our continued growth as individuals and as a school community as we move forward.

With gratitude,
Michael

BUILDING GOALS 5



ACADEMIC **CULTURE** **COLLEGE/CAREER**

Continuously increase student performance to ensure all students are prepared for success in college, careers and future opportunities.

Foster an environment where every student feels safe and supported, where all learners are encouraged with positive interactions from teachers and students so that they can be comfortable and successful in their learning environment. Help staff to engage with students and encourage them to report incidents of insensitive dialog.

We will increase student exposure to and communication of CSDE-related experiences and information related to careers of interest while building community engagement as a means to expose students to those experiences and opportunities.

BUILDING GOALS

January 28 & 29, 2021





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Our lives have begun to revolve more and more around technology. While some technology is beneficial, there are times when technology can cause problems. One thing that can cause problems is social media. I can't say that I am a frequent user of YouTube and I do not have a Tik Tok. On these platforms, there has been a video circulating called "I like ya cut G" or "nice cut g". This saying is referring to when someone gets a haircut. After the person makes that comment, they slap the back of the head of the person who got their haircut.

I want to bring this to your attention as it is beginning to occur among kids and students. This is not only something happening here, but other schools as well. I would strongly encourage you to have a talk with your children regarding this behavior. We should not be putting our hands on anyone. It is important for these conversations to be had at home to explain the severity of what could happen. School and myself can only address the incidents that are brought to our attention, but we can encourage the conversations to prevent the behavior from taking place. Please help us keep a safe learning environment for all.



Ms. Landry, Mr. Hunt & Ms. Fure

New Berlin West School Counselors

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P-Z	Tammi Fure 262.789.6428 Tammi.Fure@nbexcellence.org

Counselor Corner

All Families

- To schedule a meeting with your counselor, you can use the YouCanBookMe link. When scheduling, students should remember to save the email confirmation to show their teacher to use as a pass.
 - Matt Hunt - A-G matthewhunt.youcanbook.me
 - Kate Landry - H-O katelandry.youcanbook.me
 - Tammi Fure- P-Z tammifure.youcanbook.me

Senior Parents

- Has your learner finished applying for college? If not, we would love to help! Please use the link below to book an appointment with your student's

counselor, and we will help you both to take this big step.

- Matt Hunt - A-G matthewhunt.youcanbook.me
- Kate Landry - H-O katelandry.youcanbook.me
- Tammi Fure- P-Z tammifure.youcanbook.me
- **West Only Scholarships!!!**
 - Scholarship Information ([UW System & Private Schools](#))
 - Many scholarships are available at the [SDNB Scholarship website](#), updates will continue throughout the year. Check back often for new opportunities!
 - Check out local and national [Financial Resources](#) to make informed decisions about financial aid, taxes, and more.

Junior Parents

- Course requests for the 2021 - 2022 School year will begin January 25th and end February 8th.
- Juniors: Practice! Practice! Practice! ACT Preparation:
 - [How to Ace the ACT: 6 Top Tips for Success](#)
 - [The 21 ACT Tips You Should Be Using Today](#)
 - [SAT/ACT Exam Time Management](#)
 - [Method Test Prep](#)
 - [Varsity Tutors](#)
- What would you like to do for a living? [Explore your potential.](#)
- College Visits!
 - Start planning your visits, these are great springtime/spring break opportunities.



Order Your Yearbook Before it is Too Late!

As we all adapt to change, one thing that remains constant is the yearbook tradition of documenting the history of our students and our school year. We are pleased to announce that our yearbook adviser and staff are working hard on the 2021 yearbook.

Since copies are limited and school schedules continue to change, we ask that you please order your yearbook online as soon as possible.

Jostens offers a payment plan at checkout for your purchase if you would like to use that option.

Order Your HIGH SCHOOL
Yearbook!

Order your MIDDLE SCHOOL
Yearbook!



TechKNOW
Student Helpdesk
School District of New Berlin
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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.](#)

Academic & Career Planning Family Night Recap

Academic and Career Planning (ACP) resources were emailed out to families last week in preparation for students completing their course requests for the 2021-22 school year. If you haven't already, please dedicate some time with your student to review the materials together. Thoughtful engagement in this ACP process will help position them to maximize the opportunities the district provides, and ensures that their course request decisions support their unique academic and career plans. We are including links to the key resources below including a video, *Planning for Life After High School*, part of the district's College and Career Readiness (CCR) Video Series, intended to help students understand that their future plans should be as unique as they are. Additional resources, such as presentations on College in High School, Dual Enrollment Academy, and Career and Service Based Learning, can be found on the [ACP Family Night webpage](#).



- [Grade 8 Presentation](#) (for current 7th graders and their families)
- [Grade 8 Course Description Videos](#)
- [Middle School Course Worksheet](#)
- [Grades 9-12 Presentation](#) (for current 8th-11th graders and families)
- [Grades 9-12 Course Description Videos](#)
- [High School Course Worksheet](#)
- [Video: Planning for Life After High School](#)



Cyberpatriot Club ranks first in Wisconsin!

District DECA Results

13 students from New Berlin West competed in our first ever **VIRTUAL** District DECA competition these past two weeks.

Please help congratulate the following students:

- **Elizabeth Schulz** for a 1st place finish in *Automotive Services*
- **Glenn Langer & Katrina Tyacke** also for a 1st place finish in *Entrepreneurship-Team*
- Maria Radish for being a finalist and earning a medal for her role play
- **Eilee Brenzel** for a 4th place

NBW's Cyberpatriot club was ranked first in Wisconsin during last month's competition.

"I could not be more proud of them," said Computer Science teacher, Saghar Homayounpour, "They did it again despite all the challenges along the way this year. And a special thank you to the teachers who worked with me and let those students miss their classes a few times [to compete]." The good news is that they are attending the semi finals.

CyberPatriot is the National Youth Cyber Education Program created by the Air Force Association to inspire K-12 students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future.

Congrats to West's team:

Austin Kugler
Eric Western
Sidd Tiwari
Jazz VanBlaricum
Jared Somogji
Anthony Dzikowski

finish

- **Graham McKenzie** for earning 1st place in *Principles of Finance*
- **Annika Groendal** for earning 3rd place in *Principles of Finance*
- **Julia Vogel** for earning 3rd place in *Quick Serve Restaurant*

Other students who competed and still deserve a "good job" include: **Sidd Tiwari, Zach Jakubiak, Sydney Petinga, Alyssa Webster** and **Aubrey Shaw!**

Students that earned first through fourth place automatically qualified for our state competition and all of these students listed will be representing New Berlin West at the virtual state competition in March.

Course Request Window Closes Monday Feb. 8

If your student hasn't yet requested their courses for the 2021-22 school year - now is the time! The Course Request Window, which has been open since 8am on Jan. 25 is closing Monday, Feb. 8 at 4pm. Students need to register through Infinite Campus after exploring courses and learning experiences found in our 2021-22 Academic & Career Planning Guide located on the district's [Academic & Career Planning webpage](#). Also included in the Guide are worksheets (pg. 51 for middle school; pg. 61 for high school) to help with planning...feel free to print those out if needed. Instructions for how students can request their courses can be found [here](#).

In the School District of New Berlin, our mission is to empower, inspire and support our students to ensure they graduate college, career and life

ready. For our high school students, participation in our PATHWAYS PROgram is just one of the ways that they can reach this milestone. The PROgram, an acronym for "post secondary readiness optimized", provides a framework for students to explore a career pathway in high-skill, in-demand industry sectors while still in high school.

If you believe your student might be interested in finding out more information about one of the many pathways the district offers, share this [flyer](#) with them or have them visit the [PATHWAYS PROgram webpage](#). With the course request window open through Feb. 8, now is the perfect



opportunity for them to consider how exploring a pathway may support their post secondary goals, and how it might influence their course requests for the 2021-22 school year.

Academic Decathlon Scores 3rd Place at Regionals

2021 REGIONAL AWARDS

REGIONAL SITE - 3RD PLACE
STATEWIDE - 5TH PLACE

ART
Silver - Reagan Imhoff
Bronze - Ben Hoffmann
Bronze - Logan Underwood

ESSAY
Gold - Ben Detert
Silver - Logan Underwood

MATH
Silver - Steven Hashek
Bronze - Ben Hoffmann
Bronze - Kaytlyn Nelsen

MUSIC
Silver - Kaytlyn Nelsen
Bronze - Ben Hoffmann
Bronze - Logan Underwood

TOP REGIONAL VARSITY COMPETITORS
Silver - Ben Hoffmann
Bronze - Kaytlyn Nelsen

ECONOMICS
Silver - Kaytlyn Nelsen
Bronze - Ben Hoffmann

LITERATURE
Silver - Angel Chao

SOCIAL SCI
Silver - Steven Hashek
Bronze - Kaytlyn Nelsen

SCIENCE
Gold - Ben Hoffmann
Silver - Kaytlyn Nelsen



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



HOSA's Suicide Prevention for the New Berlin community.

Did you know that suicide is the second leading cause of death for those aged 15-

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:

- February 4, 11, 18, 25
- 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).

Feel free to email us with any questions!

24? Why isn't this talked about more? Well, this is because society has a long tradition of stigmatizing people associated with suicide. Those who perpetuate suicidal stigma are often stereotyping and shunning suicidal people. Instead of avoiding discussing suicide with teens and young adults, society should break the stigma about suicide and openly discuss it in order to prevent it from happening.

One way to do this is to be aware of some signs of suicidality, which include: thoughts of suicide, strong feelings of guilt and shame, social withdrawal and isolation, giving away personal items and/or saying goodbye to family and friends.

It's important to recognize these signs in order to receive support and support those around you. Call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 800-273-8255, or text the Crisis Text Line by texting HOME to 741741. Do not feel ashamed to ask for help! There are always people here to help and support you.

For more information, head to: [Suicide Awareness Prevention 2021](#)
[Community Awareness Instagram](#)
[Tiktok](#)

String Fest

Congratulations to Ms. Keller and all four of the West orchestras on finding a way to reimagine the district's annual String Fest Event. Click on the image below to access links to all the performances.



College and Career Readiness - A CCR Overview The Framework

The 'College and Career Ready Graduate' is able to effectively navigate the worlds of post-secondary education and employment at the time that is right for them. We can breakdown CCR 'readiness' with the following formula:

$$\text{Academic Indicators} + \text{Career Indicators} + \text{Life Ready Indicators} = \text{Readiness}$$

Throughout their high school years, students are guided to relevant opportunities through the Academic and Career Planning process to meet as many indicators of future success as is relevant and practical. These CCR indicators help to support conversations and actions for students to achieve this status as it relates to their learning experience and post-secondary plans.

Students have the option of going above and beyond the minimum requirement CCR indicators to earn the distinction of a 'Distinguished College and Career Ready Graduate'. Students who achieve this 'distinguished' status receive a medallion as part of the formal graduation program in recognition of this different level of accomplishment, much like recognitions for cum laude (stole) and honor society recognitions (cord).

What You Can Do Now To Support Your Student:

- Take six minutes to watch [Realizing the Vision of the Graduate](#) to hear what 'college and career-ready' sounds like. Use it as a springboard for a conversation with your student.

Additional Resources:

- [SDNB College and Career Ready Framework](#)
- Check out [CCR Frequently Asked Questions](#) to get answers to some of the questions other parents have asked about the framework.

We are interested in your questions and feedback. Contact Anne Warchol at:
anne.warchol@nbexcellence.org.

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 www.nbwvikings.org.

Go Vikings!

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