

New Berlin West Viking Voice

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resilience

You never know when you are minutes away from a breakthrough. You never know when you are one project away from the promotion. You never know when you are one hour of studying away from passing the exam. You never know when you are one song away from landing the record deal... That is why you keep going; that is why you keep trying. That is why when you fall down, you stand back up. Because the truth is too many people quit before even giving themselves a real chance. They stop because it isn't happening fast enough or how they thought it would work out... My beautiful friend, remember that all good things take time. Be patient, and your time will come too.

- Nikki Banas

Good afternoon,

As I write to you, we are four student days away from the end of our school year. I found this

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note about resilience and thought it connected well to our students, staff and families this year. When we began the school year, none of us knew what to expect. Following last spring's move to virtual learning for all schools, this year posed an immense amount of uncertainty for everyone involved.

As we move to the end of the school year, we are at a time of transition. We have had a tremendous amount of success this year along with our fair share of challenges. I am proud of our staff, students and families for how they have navigated this school year. Resilience is an excellent word to recognize the skills we have grown through this year and what will make us more successful as we move forward. Challenges from this past year have in turn produced positive changes to instruction and activities. We will also have those things that we will choose to move back to "normal" in both of these areas as well. There is celebration that we have grown through these challenges. Our students navigated these changes and can hopefully carry this resilience forward in all aspects.

Last night, we held our Senior Honors Program where we were able to recognize eighty-nine of our seniors for their accomplishments this year. It was a wonderful experience to be able to present nearly \$1.8 million in awards along with other recognitions. This class persevered and thrived through the challenges they faced. We remain proud of them and wish each of them the best as we look forward to graduation and their transition into life beyond high school.

Our other students are transitioning as well. They are moving into a summer that will hopefully provide them with a number of great opportunities and then back to a new grade level and experiences next year. We look forward to their continued growth and are excited to see this as we make the transition as a school from this year to a new, different, and exciting school year and experiences.

Thank you for all of your support over the past year. It has been one of challenges yet I hope you, like I, see both the successes and growth through the different experiences of this year.

Have a great weekend! Go Vikings!

Michael



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Midnight Volleyball

Is your high school child looking to stay safe and have fun this summer on Monday nights? Midnight Volleyball is back this year! On Monday nights at Malone Park, the New Berlin Police Department organizes a double elimination sand volleyball tournament! Check in begins at



7:30 PM and the tournament begins at 8:00 PM. The cost is \$1 per player and there will be prices handed out each week as well! Gather your friends and come have fun! <u>Click here for more details.</u>

TEEN DISTRACTED DRIVING



Teen Distracted Driving

This summer, the New Berlin Police Department will be conducting a Teen Driving course. The course is geared towards students, 15-18 years of age. We discuss distracted and impaired driving during an hour long presentation. After the presentation, for the next two hours,

we will drive a golf cart through an obstacle course! This gives young drivers the chance to wear goggles which simulate the effects of drunk, high, or tired driving. We are offering this course free of charge! As of now, we have 5 dates selected for the program but may expand if these dates fill up quickly. If your child likes this program, there is also an 8 hour course offered at WCTC which expands on the information provided. <u>Click here for more details.</u>



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Counselor Corner

Summer Information

Counselors will be checking their email on a weekly basis throughout the summer. Please note below the days and times a counselor will be available in Student Services this summer. To schedule a time to meet with a counselor during one of the times listed below, please contact Student Services at 262-789-6424.

> 7:30-11:00 (June 15) 8:30-12:00 (June 21) 8:30-12:00 (June 30th) 7:30-11:00 (July 7) 8:30-12:00 (July 13) 8:30-12:00 (July 20th) 7:30-11:00 (July 28) 8:30-12:00 (August 4) 8:30-12:00 (August 10th)

Process for Course Change Requests for Fall 2021-22

Course change requests will only be considered if there are circumstances that deal with:

- The course is required for graduation.
- This course is required for admission to my post-secondary school.
- This course is a prerequisite for future course(s).
- Placement in a career & service based learning course (co-op, apprenticeship, internship, service learning or youth options)

If you have met any of these requirements, students may complete the <u>Course</u> <u>Request Change Form</u> between **June 1st to June 4th**. This form is submitted online to your counselor for consideration.

Scholastic Art Winners

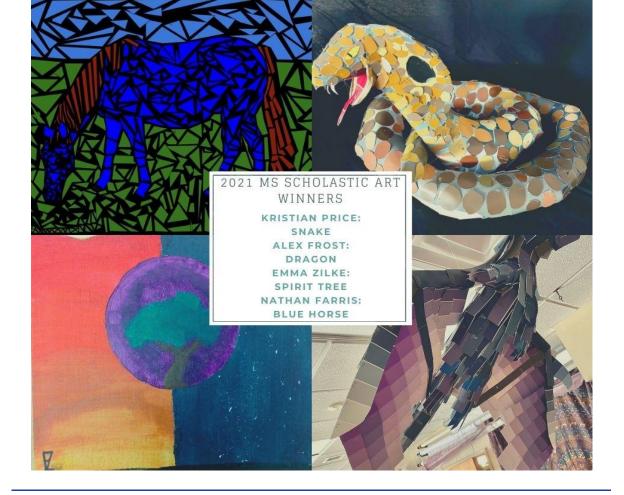
Congratulations to the following students whose artwork has been awarded recognition by the Scholastic Art Awards. Each piece will be featured at the Wisconsin State Fair "Young People's Art Exhibition" August 5-15, 2021.

High School Awards:

Hannah Lacher - Spectacular Sculpture Award
Micah Cannariato - Senior Cash Award
Mia Marchese - Senior Cash Award
Sonia Stein - Senior Cash Award
Makayah Kukis - Senior Cash Award
Jennifer Trinh - Senior Cash Award
Adam Sharafinski - Special Needs Cash Award



Middle School Awards: Alex Frost - Junior Cash Award Kristian Price - Junior Cash Award Emma Zilke - Junior Cash Award Nathan Farris - Special Need Cash Award



2021 Senior Awards

Congratulations to all of the class of 2021 Senior Award recipients! Seniors were recognized during the Senior Award ceremony on Thursday evening for their academic and athletic achievements, including special awards and scholarships.

Total Awarded Scholarship Amount for the Class of 2021: \$1,720,900.00

Click Here to View the Complete List of Award Recipients



National Honor Society Induction

Congratulations to our 11th & 12th Grade Students who were inducted into the New Berlin West chapter of National Honor Society:

Mohima Aich Tierney Athorp Mara Barczak Brooke Bauer Tyler Blaine Harry Blinka Savannah Derby Cindy Dong Tyler Eberle Audrey Flanders Kelsev Fleckenstein Jack Heuer Makenna Huguet Maisha Islam Radhika Joshi Jenna Kutschenreuter Rachel Lautenbach Priscilla Louey

Caitlin Meyers Natalie Muffler Sydney Petinga Akua Pokuaa Bella Salazar Gigi Senger Elizabeth Soiney Sonja Stein Gwendolyn Stein Andrew VanZile Julia Vogel Lily Wergin Alex White Emily Whitehill Maya Audi Gabby Bennett Eilee Brenzel Ava Feider



Kayla Garny Addison Gensch Aimee Hanf Sophia Laundre Erica Marciniak Kiley Melka Kelsev Miller Kiera Petery Chloe Phelps Maria Radish Elizabeth Schultz Aarshi Sharma Madeline Timmers Jennifer Trinh Zion Wang Nathan Wiese



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

<u>Virtual Learners</u> Call: (262) 789-6290 Email: <u>TechKNOW@nbexcellence.org</u>

On-Site Learners Call: (262) 789-6290 Email: <u>TechKNOW@nbexcellence.org</u> By Appointment: <u>Book Online</u> (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.

<u>Click here for instructions for</u> <u>printing Off-site from</u> <u>Chromebooks</u>.

2021 National Spanish Exam Results

Congratulations to Spanish students from New Berlin West who attained national recognition for e



recognition for excellent performance on the 2021 National Spanish Examinations.

Students from NBW earned 2 bronze medals along with 6 honorable mentions. "Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious," said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams, "because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with over 55,000 students participating in 2021."

Congratulations to **Sebastian Correa** and **Emilio Garay** for earning bronze medals, and

2021 Robotics Awards

Despite a season cut short in 2020, New Berlin Blitz Robotics Team wasted no time



getting back on track for the 2020-21 school year.

On June 1, Robotics Coach Michael Krack and Assistant Coach BobbieJo Koski were able to celebrate the team's commitment and achievements even though the fun and exciting competitions did not take place in-person this year.

Congrats to the following students: **Nathaniel Cadogan Owen Ciszewski Annabelle Doyle Doyle Wyatt Addison Gensch Lauren Groeschel Austin Kugler Kaytlyn Nelsen Victoria Pahl** Annika Groendal, Amelia Hutchings, Marcus Intravaia, Julia Perez, Amelia Sikri and Zachary Wentz for earning honorable mention.

Students from New Berlin West have a history of high achievement on these exams and were taught by Spanish teachers Jim Braun, Taylor Narloch, Jessica Santiago and Nicole thompson.

The National Spanish Examinations are administered each year in grades 6 through 12, and are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

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Click on the video to watch the entire ceremony and banquet, which features both the 19-20 and 20-21 seasons.



Fly the Flag

The Board of Directors of the New Berlin Veterans Memorial Society extends an invitation to everyone to attend out Second "Fly the Flag" Day Celebration and Social. The celebration is scheduled for Sunday June 13th from 1:00 to 2:30 P.M. at the beautiful Memorial located at Casper Drive and National Avenue.

This year's celebration will include an opening ceremony, patriotic music, and the appearance of the Patriotic Riders and the VFW Post 5716 Honor Guard. In addition, there will be door prizes. All guests will receive a miniature flag, and a complementary flag pin. New Berlin Veterans Memorial Society



More Details Here

Middle School Prep Camp

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, August 19





MIDDLE SCHOOL PREP CAMP

- Who? Incoming 7th graders to New Berlin West Middle/High School
- **Why?** To familiarize them with the school, the teachers and school procedures. Students will remain in small groups for the duration of their time in the building.

When? Thursday, August 19

Students will be assigned to a morning (8:00 - 11:00am) or afternoon (12:00 - 3:00pm) three-hour session and will be in small group assignments. Groups assignments will be sent in June by way of a Google form.

If your student cannot attend on August 19, they may attend the New Viking Orientation on Wednesday, August 11 from 8:00 - 11:00am. This session is for students who are transferring to our school from grades 8-12.

Watch for more details coming in June. We look forward to meeting you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

NEW BERLIN WEST MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021



Senior Prom 2021

After a lot of patience, hard work and planning, Senior Prom was a huge success on May 15, 2021. Seniors, who missed their junior prom, were able to have a safe and enjoyable time after ensuring everyone in attendance was COVID-19 negative or fully vaccinated before the dance.

Athletic & Activities Director Jordan Napoli reflected on the event by saying, "Given all the circumstances it was great to see our kids have a pretty normal prom, it turned out to be a wonderful evening in a great atmosphere. I'm hopeful the attendees all had a memorable experience."

Because this was the first dance of the 2020-21 school year, we were also able to recognize all 3 courts: Homecoming, Crystal Ball, & Prom.



Brinley Stackhouse, Jayden Artenian, Chloe Handrich, Billy Wesolowski, Kelsey Miller, Jaden Ruiz, Kiera Petery, Andrew Lettner, Trinity Krueger, Jake Leonardelli, Rachel Lautenbach, and Jacob Wagner



Samantha Zganjar, Paul Nennig, Paige Bednarski, Ben Johnson, Amira Jairala, Erica Marciniak, Rebekah Bonin, Jacob Gadek, Maya Audi, Connor McKenzie, Owen Czubin and Adam Dziegielewski



Megan Church, Carter Cullaz, Madeline Hensel, Addison Gensch, Megan Laurent, Zach Grusczynski, Jordyn Nyenhuis, Hannah Sundararajan, Zion Wang, Jared Henrichs, Nate Jocz, Maddie Timmers, Andrew VanZile and Emily Whitehill

West Senior Ranked as a National Cyber Scholar

West Senior **Siddharth Tiwari** has been ranked as a National Cyber Scholar in the recent National Cyber Scholarship Competition, making him eligible for a \$2,500 scholarship to his chosen college! The National Cyber Scholarship program will award college scholarships of \$2,500 to at least 600 U.S. high school students to recognize their talent, and encourage them to become part of the next generation of cybersecurity professionals. These are the the young people who will protect the privacy and security of Americans in every industry and government organization.



Nominate Your Favorite Teacher!



Nominate Now!

Milwaukee Brewers Grand Slam Teacher of the Month Nominations

The Brewers Grand Slam Teacher of the Month Award recognizes educators from all grades and disciplines who play a pivotal role in students' lives, improving student achievement and using innovative strategies during these challenging times. The pandemic imposed a radical switch to remote teaching and learning. Watching teachers teach during these unprecedented times reminded us what learning and teaching entail and how teachers go beyond the call of duty to keep their students engaged and learning -- as the classroom dynamic has dramatically changed and virtual learning has become necessary. This crisis has provided an opportunity to bridge the gap between strong appreciation and the challenging working conditions for teachers.

Scholarship Opportunities



Seniors don't miss out on free money to help pay for college! Search for scholarships using the following resources: Daily Announcements SDNB Scholarship Database Fast Web Scholarships.com Good Call Scholarship Search UW System & Private College/University Scholarships

Attention: Class of 2021 College and Career Readiness (CCR) Recognition

<u>Click here</u> for more information regarding a change to an academic indicator benchmark.

Did You Know?

The School District of New Berlin has been recognizing students who excel in a technical pathway with a SDNB Technical Honors Certificate since the Class of 2014? It started with 11 students the first year and has grown to over 50 students with the Class of 2020. We expect to recognize even more students in the Class of 2021.

The objective of the technical honors award is to provide recognition to students who have performed with distinction in technical coursework at senior honors nights and graduation. Courses that count towards a technical honors excellence award are identified in the ACP Guide Course Correlation Table on page 62.

Technical Honors Criteria:

- Student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 after the 7th high school semester (1st semester of senior year)
- In addition, student must complete (or be on track to complete) a minimum of 3.0 credits of technical coursework *aligned to a Program of Study* (Engineering, Business, Health Science, Computer Science/IT, Manufacturing, Construction and Architecture, and/or A/V Tech and Communications) with a 3.5 or above GPA in all coursework within a specific technical pathway by the end of their senior year.

- Outside college level coursework taken through the WCTC Dual Enrollment Academy, Start College Now or Early College Credit Program can be applied towards required credits provided they are specific to the program of study.
- A Youth Apprenticeship or Internship aligned to the program of study can also be included toward the credit requirement provided a grade is available.

Students should speak with their counselor if they are interested in more information on this topic.



College and Career Readiness - A CCR Overview Tracking Our Progress

We've spent the past few months focusing on the indicators and benchmarks we use to determine CCR Readiness. With this, our last installment of the school year, we invite you to take a look at our CCR data dashboard now that you've had the chance to learn the details behind the numbers.

This dashboard shows the CCR-related progress the district is making as a whole. By looking back at historical data from the past four years of graduating classes, we are able to see trends which can help inform district decisions as we engage in continuous improvement to support our strategic goals. We look forward to sharing the results of the class of 2021 once that data is finalized.

What You Can Do Now To Support Your Student:

Review your student's CCR blueprint. Directions are here. Use this opportunity to discuss which benchmarks your student currently meets and which goals they have yet to accomplish before graduation. You can use the district information on the CCR data dashboard as a reference for those discussions. As part of this discussion, you may wish to review your student's ACP to ensure that their CCR blueprint is in line with their post-secondary plans.

Additional resources:

- CCR Data Dashboard
- College and Career Readiness webpage

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

