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Upcoming Events

See what's happening this [month](#).

April 1
 End of Q3

April 2-9
 Spring Break

April 14
 Monthly Virtual
 Materials Pick Up Day

April 14
 Jostens Grad Supplies
 Pick Up

April 28
 SDNB Testing Day

May 14
 Senior Prom

Principal's Message

As we start spring break, we have much to appreciate and much to look forward to. Our juniors have just completed the ACT test and as of today we completed the third quarter. Due to the diligence of our staff, students and families, we have been very successful in navigating this unique school year. Plans for prom, senior awards and graduation are all in motion at this time.



Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to engage with their academic work to demonstrate their learning at the highest possible level. Our staff continues to work to inspire students, guide their learning and support their success. If your child(ren) is struggling, please reach out to teachers and their school counselor so that we can best support you to help them with challenges and support their learning.

After spring break, we enter a time of significant importance to our students as individuals and our school and district as a whole. Students, by grade level and/or course choice, will take the Forward, Aspire and/or Advanced Placement exams. Thank you, in advance, for your encouragement of your child(ren) to make each of these a positive and successful experience.

Students and staff participated in the "No Place for Hate" virtual program last week. The focus of this free program and subsequent discussion was in treating all people with

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respect, kindness and compassion. We strive for this daily through our expectations, messaging and discussions at various levels. The value of this comes in having a school culture and community that supports and accepts all of our students and families, helping to make them feel welcome in our school and community. We truly appreciate your efforts to support this as well.

Lastly, we hope you are able to take time with your family and those close to you as you relax and enjoy this spring break time. The school year moves quickly and with the varied and involved schedules of our students, the ability to take some time to reflect and relax is of tremendous value. Please accept our wishes for a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable spring break as we prepare for all the culminating events happening in the final nine weeks of school.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support for your children, New Berlin West and the School District of New Berlin.

Quick Links

- [West Website](#)
- [District Website](#)
- [Staff Directory](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Twitter](#)



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Counselor Corner

How to Avoid Spring Fever!

Create a list of mile markers

Find out about upcoming school projects or assignments, and transfer them to a mile marker list, charting progress along the way. This will encourage your teen to stick to the task without procrastinating, and will also help you keep track of your teen's progress without having to constantly ask questions. When

the project is completed, plan a satisfying reward for your teen.

Declutter work and study spaces

Creating a peaceful, clutter-free work/study space for your teen can go a long way toward relieving unnecessary stress. Encourage your teen to join in with a bit of early spring cleaning, so that you'll both be prepared for those last weeks of school.

Get plenty of sleep

Some kids have trouble sleeping when it's still light out in the evening, so create a relaxing atmosphere in the bedroom, with lots of peace and quiet. Make sure the shades are pulled down to block out excess light.

Healthy snacks on hand

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Upcoming Testing:

Testing Days on April 28th (7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th ONLY)

Our 7th through 10th graders will be taking either the Forward Exam (7, 8, 10) or Aspire Tests (9, 10) on this date in April. There will be more information to come, but students in grades 7-10 should not plan on attending classes on April 28 and only coming to school for these tests. If you have questions, please reach out to our Testing Coordinator, Melanie Carlson: Melanie.Carlson@nbexcellence.org.

AP Testing

If planning on taking an AP exam this Spring, please make sure to review the important AP Testing Information. If you have questions, please reach out to our Testing Coordinator, Melanie Carlson: Melanie.Carlson@nbexcellence.org.

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!

Matt Hunt: A-F matthewhunt.youcanbook.me

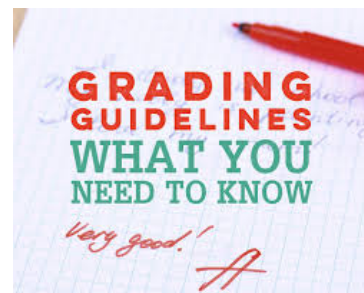
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Grading: Transcripts & Report Cards

As we 3rd quarter comes to a close, it is a great time to talk about the impact and importance of quarter grades, semester grades, and transcripts.

Some things to know: Only high school coursework will appear on student transcripts. Middle school students who access high-school courses will see those courses reflected on their official transcripts. However, those courses do not calculate into their cumulative GPA for the high school years. Only courses taken in and between grades 9-12 are part of that cumulative calculation.



Additionally, our school district utilizes the gradebook in Infinite Campus for our official grade reporting. Some staff, for some classes, access and utilize parts of their class Canvas pages for assessments, which can result in Canvas displaying a

grade. This can be misleading, so remember that all official and holistic grades for courses are always contained in an Infinite Campus gradebook.

Some Basics to Get Started:

- A student's high school **TRANSCRIPT** has:
 - Semester and year-long grades only (no quarter or exam grades)
 - The weighted GPA for each academic year
 - The cumulative weighted SDNB GPA.
 - The cumulative unweighted SDNB GPA
 - A student's total HS credits earned and credit summary
 - A *midyear* transcript produced after first semester grades are available will show first semester only grades, and cumulative GPA including first semester grades.
 - Unofficial transcripts are available at any time in Infinite Campus
- A student's quarterly **REPORT CARD** has:
 - Quarter, semester, and final grades for current year courses
 - Disposition marks for the quarter
 - Teacher comments
 - The (weighted) GPA for the current quarter/semester
 - The cumulative (weighted) GPA as of the most recently completed semester (January or June).

What are Quarter Grades and are they Important?

We ask and expect our teachers to compute course grades on a semester basis. What this means is that our quarter grades are, in New Berlin, equivalent to official progress reports. This doesn't mean that they are unimportant. They are snapshots at that moment of time for how a student is progressing towards the finality of a semester grade. Other ways that quarter grades are also important include:

- They provide an important collective benchmark for students to know if they are demonstrating their learning in a way that will translate to a semester grade. They are distributed as a benchmark to communicate to parents/guardians their student's progress towards the end of course expectations.
- We use quarter grades/GPA to determine eligibility for co-curricular participation
- We use quarter grades/GPA to determine eligibility for open campus (2021-22 school year)
- If you have a young driver in your house, some insurance companies will *discount* rates for students based on quarter report cards and higher GPAs.
- If a senior applies "Early Action" or "Early Decision," to a college/university, many admission officials will commonly request a report of 1st quarter grades because the early verdict must be determined before the more important semester grades or final grades are available. Officials from "Rolling Admission" colleges may also seek quarter grades.

It's important to always remember that these reports, be they at the quarter or at the semester, are markers in time never meant to indicate that learning should stop. As wise and learned adults, we all know that our ongoing education never stops with a grade on a report card or transcript. Everyone of us is an expert in at least one thing and a learner in need of growth in others. Please continue to support all our students by encouraging them to work hard, ask questions, and

Best Buddies Inclusion Video

Spread the Word: Inclusion is a global campaign working towards inclusion for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It started as Spread the Word to End the Word, a US campaign to encourage people to pledge to stop using the word "retard", but broadened both its goals and its scope in 2019.



Best Buddies at New Berlin West

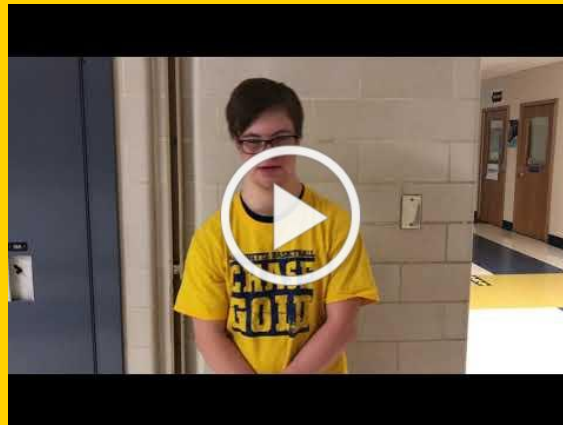
Our Best Buddies Club was started in 2020. We work to promote inclusion and friendships in our school. We thought the pandemic would make it challenging to start a new club, but we were wrong. Through their meetings, they've created new friendships. It's never too late to make new friends -there's always room for another!

Best Buddies Activities:

Our Associate Buddies and our Buddies have been doing fun activities after school every month.

- Went to a pumpkin farm
- Made cards for the nursing home,
- Played competitive games of UNO,
- Watched movies
- Painted rocks
- We hope to do some things outside this spring.

During the month of March, members of Best Buddies compiled a video of thoughts on friendship and conclusion. Check it out:



Do you think your child might be interested in joining this inclusive group?
All are welcome! For more information please email Sara Cortichiato at sara.cortichiato@nbexcellence.org

Make a new friend. Rekindle an old friendship.
Most importantly be **KIND** to those around you.



TechKNOW
Student Helpdesk
School District of New Berlin
Expect Excellence

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.](#)

High School DECA State Results

The following students earned medals in their events:

- **Elizabeth Schulz** competed in Automotive Services Marketing and earned a medal for her marketing test and was a finalist earning 7th place overall.
- **Glenn Langer & Katrina Tyacke** competed in the Entrepreneurship Team event and earned a medal for their role play. This duo earned 9th place overall.
- **Annika Groendal** competed in Principle of Finance and earned a medal in her role play. She earned 6th place overall!
- **Graham McKenzie** also competed in Principles of Finance, he earned a medal for his business management test and earned 7th place overall.
- **Julia Vogel**, competing in Quick Serve Restaurant, earned a medal for her hospitality test.
- **Maria Radish** competed in Restaurant & Food Management; she earned a medal for her role play.

Lastly, but most importantly, the following individuals qualified for the International DECA Competition and Conference next month: **Elizabeth Schulz** (a two-time qualifier), **Annika Groendal** (first-time competitor) and **Graham McKenzie** (first-time competitor). These individuals will be

Middle School DECA Chapter Competition

During the month of March students participated in their first middle school DECA competition this past month for our second-year middle school DECA chapter. The competition was held only within our own school as there's not an official middle school competition at this point in Wisconsin. NBW is one of only a few schools nationwide that ran a middle school chapter this year.

Business teacher, Melissa Bahnson said, "I'm so very proud of our chapter and the support many of you have given to us. Our president, Vivian Dinh has been an all-star leader in helping us provide our middle school students with community service and competition opportunities." Bahnson continued, "I'm hoping that next year we will grow to be an even bigger, more impactful chapter, and be able to participate in leadership conferences and activities too."

Please help us congratulate the following students!

Those earning a medal for the test include:

- **Vivian Dinh**
- **Lexi Krajeir**
- **Abena Benewah**
- **Sophia Hollister**

Those earning a medal for their role play include:

- **Abena Benewah**
- **Vivan Dinh**
- **Charlotte Walters**

Our overall winners are:

competing in April in the prospective events next month luck!

- **Vivian Dinh** (first place)
- **Abena Benewah** (second place)
- **Lexi Krajeir** (third place)



Academic Decathlon State Results

AcDec is proud to announce a new school record for our state score! The team earned 41,920.2 points. AcDec took **SECOND PLACE** in D2, just behind Waukesha West, which is the best NBW has ever placed in D2. Additionally, AcDec took **FIFTH PLACE** in the entire state, which is also the best in NBW history.

Individual award winners are as follows:

- **Aiden Puotinen** - Top Scholar Award - Top Scoring Student on the Team
- **Angel Chao** - Gold Medal and Perfect Score in Super Quiz
- **Aiden Puotinen** - Gold Medal and Perfect Score in Super Quiz
- **Kaytlyn Nelsen** - Gold Medal in Essay
- **Aiden Puotinen** - Bronze Medal in Essay

The competition team was comprised of:

Freshmen **Angel Chao** and **Marcus Hernandez**

Sophomore **Reagan Imhoff**

Juniors **Ben Detert**, **Aiden Puotinen**, and **Logan Underwood**

Seniors **Steven Hashek**, **Ben Hoffmann**, and **Kaytlyn Nelsen**

Alternates **Zach Jakubiak**, Priscilla Louey, and **Korben Moelter**

Order Your 2021 Grad Banner Today!



New Berlin Wrestling is launching their annual graduation banner sale! IKE and West personalized 6x2 banners are \$45 (includes personal delivery) Hand on your house or stake in your yard! Please send the first and last name of your senior to nbwrestle1@gmail.com. Checks and venmo are accepted. [@NBWrestlingBoosters](https://www.instagram.com/NBWrestlingBoosters). The team was able to buy new uniforms from last year's sale!

Summer Semester - Still Time to Register!



We are still taking registrations for summer school in many of the secondary courses. Please take a look at the link below.

[Check Out Summer Semester Information](#)

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.



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:

- 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!

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

[Click here](#) for more information regarding a change to an academic indicator benchmark.

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.



CONSTRUCTION

Specific Pathways:
Construction
Design & Pre-Construction



Take

Aligned Courses: See ACP Guide pg. 16

Join

Student Organizations: SkillsUSA, Math Team, FIRST Robotics

Earn

Industry Credentials: OSHA 10, Revit Certified User

Complete a....

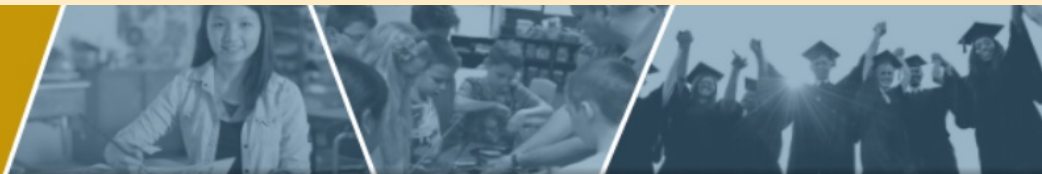
Career-Based Learning Experience: See ACP Guide pg. 130

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/NBSD_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 Construction Pathways. They will review, and help update, your academic and career plan accordingly.



College and Career Readiness - A CCR Overview Career Indicators

The district's formula for College and Career Readiness is made up of different combinations of academic, career and life ready indicators. Career indicators can play an important role for

many of our students...as those career-orientated experiences can help students confirm interest in a career that they may wish to explore post-secondary.

The chart contains a comprehensive list of identified career indicators and their related benchmarks which are valued within our district. 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). In fact, depending upon their unique Academic and Career Plan, students may work to meet multiple career benchmarks or even in some cases, none at all. Of course, students are encouraged to meet as many benchmarks as is relevant and practical.

CAREER INDICATORS

BENCHMARK	CCR GRADUATE	DISTINGUISHED CCR GRADUATE
Industry Credential (Act 59)	Earned credential	same
Success in Career-Related High School Coursework	3+ courses; A, B or C	3+ courses; A or B
Career-Based Learning Experience	40+ hours	same
Attendance	90 percent	95 percent
Extra-Curricular Activities	Two or more years of participation in school activities.	same

What You Can Do Now To Support Your Student:

- Take 4 minutes to watch [Experiential Learning: An Edge for the Future](#) to see how our students are taking advantage of learning experiences that will help them achieve their goals for the future. Use this as a springboard for a conversation with your student.

Additional Resources:

- [SDNB research-based metrics](#)
- [CCR Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Industrial Credential List for Class of 2021 \(SDNB offers the following ACT 59 certifications onsite: Adobe, CNA, Youth Apprenticeship, and MSSC\) nbsp;](#)

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.nbvikings.org.

Go Vikings!

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