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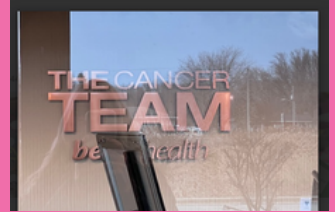


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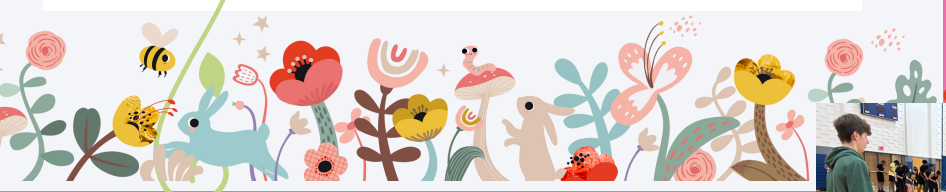
A monthly newsletter to families



DUDE. BE NICE!
Students & staff
enjoyed some treats
during "Dude. Be
Nice!" week.



A little over 2 million new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in the US in 2024. Southwest StingCancer helped spread some cheer to local cancer patients in Green Bay this Valentine's Day.



PE classes participated in leadership training with help from our local Army recruiters.



SW Spotlight The Shield

A quarterly newsletter publication written by students

Articles include content that is of interest or informative about students & life within Southwest.

The Shield is looking for a variety of students with different experiences to help show what life is like here at SW for all students.

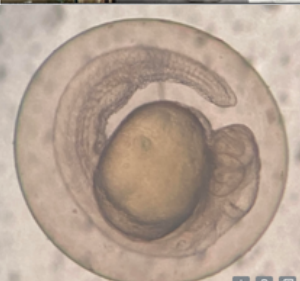


SW Spotlight Link Crew

Link Crew is a high school transition program that specifically engages freshmen to increase attendance, decrease discipline referrals and improve academic performance at our school.



Key Club received a donation of \$1,000 from Downtown Kiwanis for their trip to DCON!



In Biology, the students used the Dissecting Scope and the Compound Light microscope to discover the elusive beating heart in a Zebrafish embryo.

SW Spotlight Chess Club

Students meet after school to play chess!

Join now! NEW members are always welcome; current members love to teach beginners how to play!

Those who play chess experience benefits of:

- Thinking critically & strategically
- Solving problems
- Making decisions



Reaping the benefits of proficient lab skills and "stoich": the "98% Yield Club" for the Single Replacement lab generating silver in Chemistry. The cookies are great, the learning is "Priceless".

Phone Numbers to Know...



Upcoming Dates to Know...

Mar. 19: Pre-ACT (9th & 10th grade)
Mar. 25-29: Spring Recess/No School

Apr. 1: Classes Resume

Apr. 19: Early Release

Apr. 19: Adaptive Prom

Apr. 20: Junior Prom

May 4: Senior Ball

May 10: Weather Make-Up Day OR no school if not needed

May 22: Scholarship Night

May 24: No School

May 27: No School - Memorial Day

May 31: Last Day For Seniors

June 5-6: Semester Exams/Early Dismissal

June 7: Early Dismissal

June 10-12: Weather Make-Up Day OR no school if not needed



Attendance Office:

920-492-2653

Main Office:

920-492-2650

Student Services

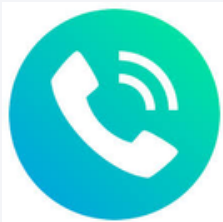
(Counselors/
Student Records):
920-492-2652

Athletics & Activities:

920-492-2734

Let's Talk...

Connect with School Staff!



Administration:

Principal: Mike Whisler

Associate Principal (Last Names A-L): Tori Adkins,

Associate Principal (Last Names M-Z): Louisa Samples

Student Engagement: John Polkowski

Athletic Director: Amy Hogan

Social Workers:

Last Names A-L: Janine Walch Blohowiak

Last Names M-Z: Anna Van Schyndel

Counselors:

Last Names A-E: Amanda Millan

Last Names F-L: Susan Zehren

Last Names M-R, Z: Joan Birder

Last Names S-Y: Ying Jing Vang

Want to have a quick conversation with a staff member?

If so, please reach out to them by phone or email to schedule a short appointment.

Want to connect with school administration? Please call the main office ahead to see if the principal or associate principal is available or if there is a need to schedule an appointment. School administrators are always available via email.

Thank you for your assistance with scheduling appointments with staff ahead of time. This will help us ensure that we are providing the best service possible to the students and families of Southwest High School.



SW Who's Who?



ADMINISTRATION

MAIN OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: 920-492-2650
ATTENDANCE PHONE NUMBER: 920-492-2653

STUDENT SERVICES

GENERAL NUMBER: 920-492-2652

	Mr. Mike Whisler Principal mwhisler@sbaps.org Ext. 42801		Ms. Amy Hogan Athletic Director amhogan@sbaps.org Ext. 42505		Ms. Amanda Millan School Counselor Student Support A-E almillan@sbaps.org 920-492-2719		Ms. Janine Walch Blohowiak Social Worker Student Support A-L jmwalch@sbaps.org 920-492-5582
	Ms. Tori Adkins Associate Principal Student Support A-L tladkins@sbaps.org Ext. 42504		Mr. John Polkowski Student Engagement jppolkowski@sbaps.org Ext. 42514		Ms. Susan Zehren School Counselor Student Support F-L smzehren@sbaps.org 920-492-2718		Ms. Anna Van Schyndel Social Worker Student Support M-Z akvanschyndel@sbaps.org 920-492-2709
	Ms. Louisa Samples Associate Principal Student Support M-Z lesamples@sbaps.org Ext. 42141				Ms. Joan Birder *Student Services Department Head School Counselor Student Support M-R & Z mjbirder@sbaps.org 920-492-2717		Ms. Kaitlyn Stollberg School Psychologist krstollberg@sbaps.org 920-481-9474
<h2>CAREER CENTER</h2>					Ms. Ying-Jing Vang School Counselor Student Support S-Y yvang@sbaps.org 920-492-2716		Mr. Jon Wiegert Special Education Lead Teacher jewiezert@sbaps.org 920-272-7222
	Ms. Melissa Hovanick-Larson Career Center Coordinator mahovanicklarson@sbaps.org 920-492-2652		Betsy Baier Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator eabaier@sbaps.org 920-619-3052		Bonnie Baranczyk School Nurse bsbaranczyk@sbaps.org 920-272-7638		
	Mr. Sonny Soquet Career Coach - NWTC ssoquet1@sbaps.org		Lisa Kong Career Coach - UWGB Lbkong1@sbaps.org	Click here for a downloadable version of SW Who's Who			

Meet Our New Staff!

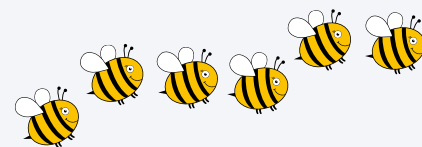
Dawn Telford has joined Southwest as our *Midday Custodian*.

Ma Vang has joined Southwest as our new *Registrar*.

WELCOME TO THE SOUTHWEST
FAMILY!

Dawn Telford
Facilities

Ma Vang
Registrar



A Note From Principal Whisler...



I was never a good test taker...a big test always gave me a sense of anxiety. As we approach the state-wide testing season (i.e., ACT, Pre-ACT, and Forward Exam), I try to keep those feelings in mind as the students engage in showing what they know.

The state-wide assessments that are coming up are an opportunity for our students to show their academic growth over the last year. Aside from that some of the assessments provide opportunities for students in their academic career beyond high school. Because of the importance of students' results on these tests, it is important to support them in the days leading up to the day of, and the day of, the test.

I know that, by the time you read this, our 11th grade students will have already taken the ACT; however, our 9th and 10th graders will soon be taking the Pre-ACT and the Forward Exam.

There are plenty of things that we can do, as a student's support network, to help them be ready to go on the day of the assessments. It doesn't matter if your student is in 4th grade, 10th grade, or taking a final exam the last semester of their college career; the test readiness strategies remain the same. Here are some quick suggestions:

- **Get a good night's sleep;**
 - It is reasonable for a teenager to have a 9:00pm - 10:00pm bed time
- **Eat a good healthy breakfast;**
 - Students can get a healthy breakfast each morning at Southwest High School
- **Be prepared;**
 - Have all of the appropriate tools (i.e., pencils, Chromebook, calculator, etc.) and forms filled out in advance
- **Arrive on time;**
 - Even a few minutes early. This allows students to get settled and prepared to take the test.
- **Know what to expect.**
 - This goes for students as well as parents/guardians. The more you know about the test, what it is used for, and the format, the better off your student may be.

Below is an article with a more detailed description of how to prepare your student for test day.

[Help Your Child Prepare for Standardized Tests - Scholastic.com](https://www.scholastic.com/parents/articles/4111/help-your-child-prepare-for-standardized-tests/)

All we ask of our students is to give their absolute BEST when they show up for any assessment. It is our job to set them up for success. Southwest High School appreciates your support of your students in their success.

As always, if you have any questions about the upcoming assessments that your student will be taking, please reach out to someone on your student's team.



From Special Education...

Our Special Education Lead teachers have created a Transition Newsletter to share with families. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform families of agencies, groups and resources available to help plan for life after high school.

[Transition Newsletter - English](#)

[Transition Newsletter - Spanish](#)

Senior Graduation Information



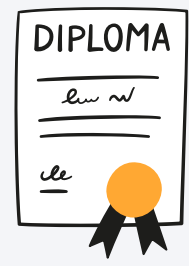
CLICK HERE TO ORDER YOUR CAP AND GOWN.
PRICE STARTS AT \$35
BY MARCH 18!

ORDER NOW

CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE YOUR DIPLOMA ORDER FORM.
FREE OF COST
DUE MARCH 20!

MANDATORY

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY, STUDENTS MUST PURCHASE AND WEAR A CAP AND GOWN



*TYPE IN NAME EXACTLY HOW IT IS TO APPEAR ON DIPLOMA.

ADORNMENT
Students wanting to adorn their graduation attire must receive approval from the high school principal. The District requires that the dress and grooming of students at the graduation ceremony are within the limits of Board of Education policy. [Click here to view the policy and to download and print the adornment request form.](#)

Confirmed Graduation Date:
June 2, 2024
@ 11:30a.m. @ Southwest

Find the most up-to-date Graduation information via the senior graduation information page on the Southwest Website:
>Direct link is:
https://southwest.gbaps.org/students/senior_graduation_information

TICKET 31267
TICKET 31268

All graduates participating in the ceremony will receive 6 tickets to the in-person graduation ceremony.



Junior & Senior Scholarship Opportunities



Has your senior received a scholarship? Please relay information to your school counselor.
Date of Scholarship Night is May 22nd.

All SENIOR STUDENTS have access to a Google Classroom that lists all the following Scholarship opportunities and more! If you have any questions please contact your students' school counselor.

[Allouez Lions Club \(Village of Allouez Residents Only\)](#)
*Due April 14th

Link to Google Form Application can be found on the Scholarship Google Classroom shared with your student.

[Greater Green Bay Community Foundation](#)
*Due May 1st
www.ggbcf.org
Local Scholarship Opportunities

[College Ready](#)

*Due Tuesday, March 19, 2024 @ 3pm

CollegeReadyWI.org/Scholarships

[Sieg Green Bay SW Education](#)

*Due April 1st

Application can be found on Greater Green Bay Community Foundation website

This is a small handful of the scholarship opportunities available to senior students. Please look over the Scholarship Google Classroom with your student. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact Student Services

A Statement on AI (Artificial Intelligence) from the LMC...



The development of AI (artificial intelligence) software has been in the news more recently, and its use has become commonplace. AI computer programs use machine learning and algorithms to perform programmed tasks that are beneficial in many industries. There are AI features embedded in programs or apps we may experience every day, like text suggestions or product recommendations in your browser, but there are more advanced generative AI programs that are far more controversial. While lawyers and academics debate the effect of AI on our culture and economy, we are facing big changes in education as well. Educators are working to find new ways to utilize these tools to support student learning, but in the meantime the increased misuse of AI websites by students to cheat has become a serious issue. Some students have come to believe that using websites like ChatGPT (OpenAI) or Caktus AI is a legitimate way to answer questions in homework assignments or write whole essays.

Students have said that they use AI as a starting point and then change some of the words in their attempt to make it their own work. However, unless permission is expressly given by the teacher, using AI sites like ChatGPT to generate school assignments falls under the purview of our school district's academic dishonesty policy in the [Student Expectation Handbook](#) and under the [Responsible and Acceptable Technology Use \(363.2\) policy](#) as plagiarism. Student's use of AI to generate their schoolwork strips them of the opportunity to think deeply about the subject matter and the necessity to do their own research; they miss the opportunity to learn to evaluate information or synthesize ideas to develop and support their own theories and conclusions.

The good news for our students is that our teachers and support staff are here to help them with their class assignments and with their research and writing. It is our mission to help students develop these skills for themselves. The LMC offers many resources for students to use in their academic work, and we are here to help students every day.

Information From Career Services...



Career Services has organized some upcoming visits and testing. Check them out and share with your student!

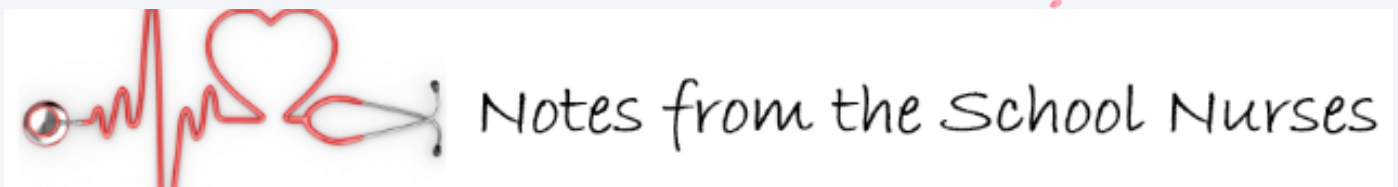
- **UW-MN-Duluth** visit Wednesday, March 20th at 10:30am in the Career Center.
- **Navy** visit Thursday, March 21st 10:40am-1:14pm in the SW Commons.
- **Ripon College** visit Wednesday, April 3rd at 11:45am in the Career Center.
- **ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Testing** Wednesday, April 17th 7:30am-11am in the Career Center.

BUSINESS FIELD TRIP

Is your student interested in the field of **accounting, management, entrepreneurship, or information technology**? If you would like to learn more about the great opportunities in these fields, your student can join us on:

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. @ NWTC

*Students can sign-up & pick up a permission slip in the Career Center with Ms. Melissa. The deadline is April 29, 2024.



Vaping use among youth is increasing at an alarming rate, up 900% from 2011-2015.

Check out the below 1-page Newsletter below to learn the basics, devices and dangers of Vaping.

[Vaping Education Newsletter](#)

[Vaping Education Newsletter \(Spanish\)](#)



Updated CDC Guidance for COVID-19

On March 1, 2024, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released new guidance for COVID-19. When staff and students get sick with a respiratory virus, the updated CDC guidance recommends that they stay home and away from others. For staff and students with COVID-19 and influenza, treatment is available and can lessen symptoms and lower the risk of severe illness. The recommendations suggest returning to normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, symptoms are improving overall, and if a fever was present, it has been gone without use of a fever-reducing medication.

Read NOW!



OHP treats over 12,000 kids on Medicaid or uninsured yearly through multiple clinic locations, school-based program, and hospital services.



Time for spring sports, don't forget the mouthguard!



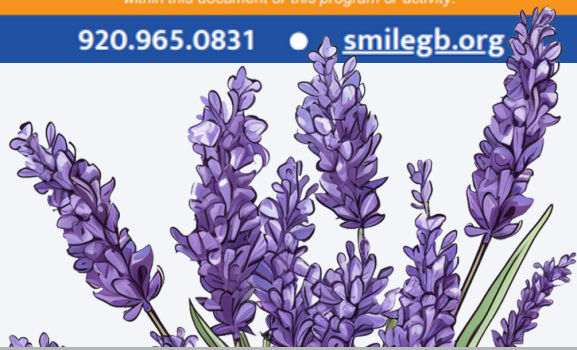
Every year around 3 million teeth are lost because of playing sports.

Well-fitting sports mouthguards reduce the risk of your kids getting teeth knocked out or other tooth and mouth injuries!

Click here to fill out forms for your child to have dental care right at school!

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OHP sirve a más de 12,000 niños con Medicaid o sin seguro anualmente por medio de varias locaciones de clínicas, programas escolares y servicios hospitalarios.

Es la temporada de deportes de primavera, ¡no olvides el protector bucal!



Cada año se pierden alrededor de 3 millones de dientes por practicar deportes.

Los protectores bucales deportivos bien ajustados reducen el riesgo de perder dientes u otras heridas a los dientes o la boca.

¡Haga clic aquí para llenar los formularios para que su hijoreciba servicios dentales en la escuela!

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Urgent Need @ Troy's House

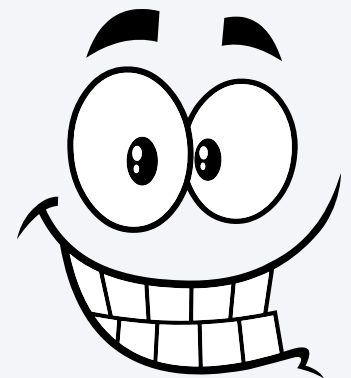
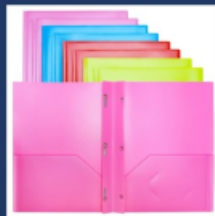


New OR Gently used

BACKPACKS



FOLDERS



*Please drop them off in Student Services.