

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome back from a well-deserved spring break! With the return of students and staff, nine weeks of classes before the end of the 2024-25 school year is upon us. Barring any late-season winter weather, the last day scheduled for students is Thursday, June 5th, with a mid-day early release planned. For those of you with a future graduate, this is a friendly reminder that graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 23, 2025, and there will be plenty of accolades, awards, and scholarships to recognize the talents of the class of 2025. More specific details regarding graduation will be provided at a later date.

The month of April will see a couple of early releases on the 9th and 23rd. Please take note that there will be no classes on Friday, April 18th, for one last three-day weekend before the final stretch of classes. During this last quarter of the school year, we want to continue to emphasize the importance of good daily attendance and students remaining engaged in their own personal learning. These are some great daily habits for students to have for continued post-high school success.

MATH STUDENTS TOP IN SCC COMPETITION

On Tuesday, March 18th, the high school math team traveled to Westfield to compete at the SCC Math Competition. Not only did they compete, but the team also brought home a conference championship plaque! In addition to the top team score, the individual portion of the competition yielded the following results: Level 2 1st team selections included Gus D. and Cooper W. Level 2 2nd team selections included Maddie M., Dimitar S., and Kalessin A. Level 1 1st team selections included Blake S., Alex O., and Ellery C. Level 1 2nd team selection included Teo S. WDHS also had the top-scoring individuals, with Gus D. taking home the top honor in level 2 and Blake S. taking home the top honor in level 1. Pictured below are the team members and their two advisors, Ms. Kelsey Fish and Mr. Michael Parham. Additional WDHS math teachers not included in the photo include Mr. Emily Behn, Ms. Tiffany Graewin, and Mr. Ryan Slosarek. Congratulations to all team members and math teachers for their championship efforts in representing WDHS so well!



Additionally, earlier in the month, on March 11th, students in grades 4th through 7th participated in a regional Math 24 competition. Nine schools and 125 students participated. The following SDWD students brought home Math 24 competition awards: 5th grade Leilani G. 2nd place, 6th grade Alek K. 1st place, Vivi L. 6th place, and 7th grade Kaleb B. 4th place. Congratulations to all!

CONTINUED PLANNING FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

During the last quarter of the school year, the district will be detailing our 2025-26 school year plans. A few months ago, Business Manager John Belter outlined that the district would have a structural deficit entering the 2025-26 school year. Changing the district's service level will address some of the structural deficits. One example is that next year, the district is planning for 61 PK-8 class sections compared to 64 in the current school year. Upon our return from break, there will be final planning to limit the projected structural deficit as much as possible without interfering with instructional services. As the state of Wisconsin develops its biennium budget, our district, along with nearly every district, needs greater support from the state to offset the rising costs of educating students to a high level. This is a pervasive topic that needs far greater than a few paragraphs to illustrate and detail out. However, as the budget process evolves, more information will be presented and shared this spring.

Finally, let me close out this newsletter article by saying thank you for the opportunity to serve our community's children. It is both our highest priority and privilege to do so!

Respectfully submitted,



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