



WEST CENTRAL WIRE

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-West Central Schools Mission Statement

GREETINGS

from the
Superintendent's Office



The school year is off to a great start. The start of the school year is a time for fresh starts. They provide fresh starts for students, teachers, and school buildings. Being new here, it was great to see the students fill the buildings with great energy and eagerness to learn. They were met with teachers that were refreshed and prepared to meet their needs. Our buildings were ready for their arrival and learning as well. If you have a chance to thank one of our janitorial staff members, please do so. They worked extremely hard all summer long in preparation for the return of teachers and students. The start of the school year also kicks off a lot of student activities. Our football, cheerleading, volleyball, soccer, marching band, Educators Rising, fall play, and other activities are off to great starts.

Student Achievement

One of my goals is to increase student achievement district wide. So far, we have taken a look at our data from the previous year's testing on the Smarter Balanced Assessments and the NWEA Assessments. We have taken a look at where our students were and established goals for where we want them to be during our winter assessments and then to be propelled into the state assessments in the spring. My goal is for our district to be at the top of our conference in academics as well as the other areas that we evaluate ourselves on. The data the state provides at this point from last year's assessment are not complete and validated. Once that data has been made official, I will share where we ranked and what our goals are for increasing our achievement. Our teachers have done a great job evaluating, instructing, and meeting the needs of our students so far. If you have a chance to thank your child's teacher, please do so, they are fantastic and have worked extremely hard so far this year.

Hartford Elementary Building Project

We have a couple of building projects going on in the district. The biggest one is the addition and renovation that is taking place at Hartford Elementary. The project continues to make progress. I will continue to update the project through this newsletter and other outlets. The new office space and classroom areas are coming along nicely. The steel beams and roofing deck are being put on right now. Once it is completely closed in, they will install windows and begin on the interior finishings. The new gym/commons/food service areas will get their precast walls going up on October 9th. Once the precast walls are set, that area will too get roofing. The project will then turn to remodeling the north part of the gym/stage areas. That will really make this project look like it is moving along. I have included photos (page9) that show the progress that has been made so far.

If you have a school or community group that you would like me to visit, please let me know. I am always encouraged when I get to take part in the different groups that make up our district and community. Same is true, if you have any questions or concerns, I hope that you feel like you can reach out to me for a discussion.

Yours in Education,

Mr. Knight, Supt.

DISTRICT-WIDE NEWS

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Please note: Regular school board meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the Board Room at the Administration Office, unless otherwise indicated by published agenda. Meetings begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted. All meetings are open to the public. If a person desires to have an item placed on the agenda, please contact the Administration Office one week prior to the scheduled meeting. All meeting agendas can be located on the West Central webpage under District Board of Education. All school board proceedings are published in the Minnehaha Messenger.

EARLY DISMISSAL FOR 2023-2024

School will dismiss early for staff developments, teacher work time days, parent/teacher conferences, Thanksgiving break, winter break, and the last day of school. **School will dismiss at 1:30 pm** on the following days:

October 20	December 22	March 8
November 22	February 15	May 17

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Eric Knight , Superintendent	528-3217
Dr. Andrew Barron , High School Principal	528-6236
Mark Rockafellow , Middle School Principal	528-3799
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Tanya Thomas-Parsons , Food Nutrition Director	528-6238
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2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

October 9 NO SCHOOL – Native American Day
October 16 NO SCHOOL, Parent-Teacher Conferences
 11:00 am-7:00 pm
October 20...School Dismissal at 1:30 pm, Teacher Work Time
 End of 1st Quarter

November 22 School Dismissal at 1:30 pm
 Thanksgiving Break Begins
November 23-24 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

December 22 School Dismissal at 1:30 pm
 Winter Break Begins, End of 2nd Quarter
December 25-29 NO SCHOOL -- Winter Break

January 1 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
January 2 NO SCHOOL - Staff Development
January 3 Return from Winter Break
January 15 NO SCHOOL --Teacher In-Service

February 15 School Dismissal at 1:30 pm
 Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00-9:00 pm
February 16 NO SCHOOL - Comp Day for Teachers
February 19 NO SCHOOL - President’s Day

March 8 .. School Dismissal at 1:30 pm, Teacher Work Time
 End of 3rd Quarter
March 18-21 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
March 22 NO SCHOOL - Comp Day for Teachers
March 29 NO SCHOOL

April 1 NO SCHOOL

May 17 School Dismissal at 1:30 pm, End of 4th Quarter
 Last Day for Students
May 18 Graduation
May 20 Last Day for Teachers

Inclement Weather or Make-Up Days: The first five make-up days are built into the school calendar. After five days, each additional day will be made up at the end of the school year.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The West Central School District #49-7 does not discriminate in its employment policies and practices, or in its educational programs (including career and technical education programs) on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, or other human differences and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Requirement for admission to the Career and Technical Education courses is completion of prerequisite coursework of each area.

Career and Technical Education offered at the West Central School District

Agriculture – Floriculture, Horticulture, Animal Science, Natural Resources, Bio-Technology, and Agriculture Leadership

Architecture and Construction – Introduction to Technology, Production Technology, Computer-Aided Drafting, Carpentry, and Building Trades

Food and Tourism Classes – Independent Living, Food Management, and Family Relations

Technology – Multi-media, Web Design, Animation, Computer I, and 3-D Programming

Inquiries specifically concerning the application of Title VI, Title IX, or section 504 may be referred to:

Title VI (discrimination based on national origin/race) Special Services Director

Title IX (discrimination based on gender)Activities Director

Section 504 (discrimination based on disability)Special Services Director

Both Special Services and Activities Director can be reached at:

West Central School District
705 E. 2nd St.
Hartford, SD 57033
605-528-3217

Or

Kansas City Office
U.S. Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights
8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037
Kansas City, MO 64114-3302
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SCHOOL CLOSING

The Campus Messenger System is our primary notification system for parents/guardians and staff. It will be utilized for school closings, delays, or early dismissals. Please call **Caryl Nolz at 528-3217** for changes in phone numbers.

In addition, the following TV stations will be notified in the event that school should be cancelled or dismissed early due to inclement weather conditions:

Television Stations: KELO, KDLT, KSFY

We make every effort to provide this information to families prior to 6:30 a.m. However, the changing weather in South Dakota may make this a challenge on some days. In any case, we will notify these stations as soon as possible.

We care very much about your children and do our best to make appropriate decisions based on student safety and student achievement. Please remember that as a parent or guardian, you have the right to keep your child home on any day that you feel it is unsafe for your student to travel to school due to weather conditions.

Giving Tree

It seems like we just got back to school, so it's hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner!

With the holidays comes the arrival of our annual Giving Trees, located in each building of the West Central School District. If your family is under financial stress this year and you are looking for some support to help provide gifts for your children, please check out the opportunities that are available to you.

Please contact us by **November 10th** if you have a need for a gift from the Giving Tree.

If your family has been financially blessed this year and you would like to pay it forward, please consider sponsoring a child on one of our Giving Trees. We are also accepting gift wrapping supplies and gifts of cash or gift cards. The goal of our Giving Tree is to ensure that every West Central School District child is remembered during the holidays. We appreciate your help! Working together we can accomplish many wonderful things!

Donations to the Giving Tree are due by **December 8th**.

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The Giving Trees are sponsored by Hartford Hometown Christmas, local churches, local businesses, local families and the West Central School District.

NURSE'S NOTES

Hello! It's crazy to think that we are already approaching the fall season and cooler temperatures. I hope that this school year has been going well so far and your students are finding success!

I wanted to touch base about upcoming flu shot clinics and illnesses that could temporarily exclude your student from school. Sanford Clinic in Hartford will be hosting flu shot clinics this fall on October 10, 17, and 24 along with November 7. Staff will be providing flu shots from 4pm-6pm. Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins are welcome. The Hartford Hy-Vee pharmacy also offers flu shots, they are available during regular pharmacy hours. Pharmacy hours: Monday-Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 9am-1pm, Sunday closed.

Our hope is that all students may be able to attend school, but this is not always possible. Students who have a fever of 100.4 or greater will be sent home and cannot attend school for 24 hours. They cannot return until their temperature stays under 100.4 without fever-reducing medication. Severe cough, nasal drainage, or fatigue which make students unable to participate in school will be sent home. Parents are expected to pick up their student as soon as possible.

While there haven't been many COVID-19 cases in our district, I wanted to included our policy. Common symptoms: Fever, chills, headache, sore throat, smell and taste disorders, shortness of breath, and cough. As soon as possible, report symptoms to school personnel. Students must follow quarantine and safety guidelines. Students may return to school five days after symptom onset.

I hope we all have a healthy year as we continue to learn and grow together! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via email carly.boom@k12.sd.us or by phone at (605) 528-3215 ext 1302. Thank you!

Carly Boom, RN

West Central School District Assessment Guide

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that all school districts provide transparency in regards to how its learners are assessed. In compliance with ESSA, as well as State and Federal Department of Education mandates, the West Central School District has made public the following list of assessments, their purpose, and approximate time frame. The results of any and all assessments administered by the West Central School District and its staff can be made available to parents/guardians upon request and, when applicable, will be sent home in the form of a score report in a timely manner. **Please note that not every learner takes every assessment listed below.** Any questions regarding assessments can be directed to Carrie Schaefer, K-12 Curriculum and District Assessment Coordinator, at 605-528-3217.

Assessment	Subject Matter Assessed	Assessment Schedule	Grades Assessed	Purpose	Source of Requirement	Approximate Time to Take	Reporting Results
ACCESS 2.0 & ACCESS Alternative	English Language Proficiency in Math, ELA, & Science	January 22 - February 23, 2024	EL Students in Grades K-12	Given annually to assess and monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English in the content areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening	SD DOE	Testing times can vary between testing participants	Shared with Parents when they become available
ACT (American College Test)	Math, English, Reading, Science, Writing	Varies - Visit www.act.org for test dates	Grades 11 & 12 - Optional	The ACT test measures what students learn in high school to determine academic readiness for college and is used for college admission. It is offered on the same dates across the United States	Optional	Estimated testing time is 3-4 hours	Scores are provided online by ACT Inc once available
ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)	Military Aptitude/ Entrance Requirement	November 29th, 2023	Grades 11 (Seniors can retake to improve their score)	Determines qualifications for enlistment in the U.S. Armed Forces	Optional	Testing times can vary between testing participants	Shared with Parents and discussed with students once results have been received
NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress)	Math, Reading	Every two years if selected - Off Year February 20, 2024	Grades 4 & 8	Anonymous assessment of progress by the US Department of Education that measures student achievement and reports change in student performance over time	SD DOE & Federal DOE	Testing times can vary between testing participants	N/A
NCRC (National Career Readiness Certificate)	Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, Reading for Information	January 2024	12	The NCRC is an industry-recognized, portable, evidence-based credential certifying essential skills necessary for workplace success	District	Estimated testing time is 3 hours	Given to students once results are received

NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Growth Assessment	Math, Reading, Language	August 28 - September 8, 2023 January 8 - 19, 2024 April 22 - May 19, 2024	K-11	A district assessment that monitors student proficiency and growth for data-driven instructional practices	District	Testing times can vary between testing participants	Shared with Parents when they become available
South Dakota ELA & Math Summative Assessments	Math, ELA	March 25 - May 3, 2024	3-8, 11	State required summative assessment measuring English Language Arts and Math proficiency	SD DOE	Testing times can vary between testing participants	Shared with Parents when they become available
South Dakota ELA & Math Alternative Assessments	Math, ELA	March 11 - April 26, 2024	3-8, 11	State required summative assessment measuring English Language Arts and Math proficiency for students who have met the significant cognitive disability criteria	SD DOE	Testing times can vary between testing participants	Shared with Parents when they become available
South Dakota Science Assessment	Science	March 25 - May 3, 2024	5, 8, 11	State required summative assessment measuring Science achievement	SD DOE	Testing times can vary between testing participants	Shared with Parents when they become available
South Dakota Alternative Science Assessment	Science	March 25 - May 3, 2024	5, 8, 11	State required summative assessment measuring Science achievement for students who have met the significant cognitive disability criteria	SD DOE	Testing times can vary between testing participants	Shared with Parents when they become available
WIDA Screener	Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening	Upon entry to the West Central School District	K-12	Used to measure the English language proficiency of learners who have indicated a primary language other than English on a home language survey, and determining whether or not English language instructional services are needed	SD DOE	Testing times can vary between testing participants	Shared with Parents when they become available



TRANSPORTATION

WALKING BETWEEN BUSES AND CROSSWALK USE.

Please **do not** walk between buses at the schools where they are parked to load and unload students. This is the most dangerous place to be around buses! Students and parents should use crosswalks and be vigilant around buses. Children chasing blowing papers or rolling balls are dangerous around buses!

RIDING A DIFFERENT BUS?

If your student is riding a bus other than their regularly assigned bus, you must first contact the school and have them send a note to the driver. Seating is assigned and room is not always available. Please communicate with the school **a day or two before** you want your child to ride home with someone else. They will approve the change and send a note to the driver with your child.

BE WAITING FOR THE BUS AT LEAST 5 MINUTES EARLY.

Although you were given an approximate time for the bus to arrive, it may arrive earlier than you expect, or it may arrive a little later. You should be standing at your stop prior to the bus arriving. In addition, being ready for the bus allows us to get students to school on time. Please keep in mind that weather, mechanical problems, some students not riding on a particular day and other factors beyond our control affect when the bus will arrive.

IN-TOWN BUSING.

If you didn't sign up for in-town busing at the beginning of the school year but now have busing needs, you may sign up by completing a transportation request and submitting payment. Applications will be considered on an available space basis. To complete a transportation request form, go to the transportation tab on our website at www.westcentral49-7.com. Payments may be made online at the "online payment" link (also on the website) or by sending your payment to West Central School District, PO Box 730, Hartford, SD 57033.

CONSTRUCTION.

Construction continues at Hartford Elementary. Changes may be made to pickup and delivery locations as the year and construction progresses. Parents will be notified in advance of any changes through campus messenger and/or Class Dojo. Thank you for your patience!



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ELEMENTARY NEWS

Amy Johnson, Humboldt Elementary Principal
605-363-3131 or 605-528-3321

Ashley Bahrenfuss, Hartford Elementary Principal
605-528-3215

Hello from Hartford and Humboldt Elementary!

The school year is off to a great start at both elementary schools! Students and staff have been busy getting back into the routine of school and are having fun doing it! As we continue the journey through the school year, we want to make you aware of some of the important dates coming up in the near future!

Fall conferences are quickly sneaking up on us! Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, October 16th from 11:00-7:00pm. Please note that this is a No School day for students. Similar to last year, two options will be provided for attendance at conferences: in-person or online Zoom. We are hopeful these offerings allow for ample opportunity to discuss student progress and accomplishments! We highly encourage parents to participate in conferences as it's a very valued process for our school staff.

Additional important dates to keep in mind as we move through the next few months...

- **October 9th-13th** - Fire Prevention Week
- **Monday, October 9th** — No School - Native American Day
- **Monday, October 16th** - No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences (11:00am-7:00pm)
- **Friday, October 20th** — End of First Quarter; 1:30pm Early Dismissal; no AM or PM JK
- **Monday, October 31st** — Classroom Fall Parties
- **Friday, November 10th** - Veterans Day Programs
- **Wednesday, November 22nd** - 1:30pm Early Dismissal; no AM or PM Junior Kindergarten
- **November 23rd-24th** - No School - Thanksgiving Break

Lastly, please continue to monitor Class Dojo for important information from teachers and principals, as this will be the best way to stay informed of the happenings at both Hartford and Humboldt Elementary! As always, we're so appreciative of your continued support of both elementary schools. We're looking forward to a great school year! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email either Mrs. Bahrenfuss or Mrs. Johnson.

Go Trojans!



Construction Progress at Hartford Elementary

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS - Mark Rockafellow, Principal

I want to thank everyone for helping get the year off to a great start. It feels like everyone is settling in and the procedures and routines are working effectively for most. Activities are in full swing and going well. It won't be long and Fall will be visible. Before that happens, there are some important items to discuss.

We will be kicking off our school fundraiser during the second week of October. Our fundraiser was successful last year thanks to the many parents and family members who contributed. We will continue with the same fundraiser as last year and hope it will be equally successful this year. The funds raised go toward supporting students through incentives and rewards.

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 16th from 11:00am to 7:00pm. They will be open house style with an option for a scheduled, virtual conference. The grade-level teams will provide more information in the week prior to conferences.

Please remember to check Infinite Campus for a variety of information regarding your child. Infinite Campus can be a helpful way to view your child's grades, attendance, and behavior. Please contact Caryl Nolz, caryl.nolz@k12.sd.us, if you are having difficulty signing into your account.

Our PBIS, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, team has been focusing on communicating expectations and recognizing students when they meet those expectations. Parents and guardians should receive communication from an adult when they acknowledge a child for meeting the expectations. Parents and guardians should be able to see that recognition in Infinite Campus.

Teachers use the [Middle School Website](#) to post assignments/homework for the week. Grade-level teams also post their newsletter on the website. Please visit those links to find information for your child.

Students have completed fall benchmarking in NWEA MAP to assess the current level of academic achievement. These assessments will provide valuable information to teachers so they can provide targeted interventions for students to address specific learning gaps. You will receive those results prior to conferences in October.

With activities in full swing, it is important to remember the responsibilities participants have for maintaining academic and behavioral expectations for participation. Students must have all work completed and turned in. The work must show an acceptable level of mastery. Students who miss class for activities or for other reasons need to communicate with teachers regarding the work they miss. Students can not have more than two behavior referrals for the week. Students being tardy to class or school is a behavior referral.

As always, please call if you have questions or concerns.

Mark Rockafellow, Principal
605-528-3799, mark.rockafellow@k12.sd.us

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - Dr. Andrew Barron, Principal

My message to students on the first day of school was this: *Have a championship mindset.* Champions work hard every day. They do things that are scary and uncomfortable. Champions are not perfect; they even fail or lose sometimes, but they always come back from a loss with more determination to win next time. West Central's history is full of champions on the field, on stage, in the classroom, and in service. They are not always acknowledged with banners, but they honor the West Central name with their achievements.

As I challenge students to have a championship mindset, it reminds me of all the ways that our community of teachers and parents support that mindset. We have high standards for our young people, and they know it.

This year, I am emphasizing communication with parents. Every Monday, an email goes out to let parents know about missing assignments. If you are a parent, be sure to read that email and ask your children about their missing assignments. You can check your child's grades at any time by logging into Infinite Campus on a computer or with the Campus Parent app on your phone. If you need help logging in, reach out to the high school office.

Our teachers, likewise, have set a high bar for success in the classroom. Our goal is to challenge students and make their minds stronger through exercise. Like any good workout, it might be uncomfortable at first, but the results are worth it.

The start of this school year has been our strongest in my time as principal. From our dedicated faculty to our senior leaders, everyone has been working their hardest to make this year one of our best. The championship mindset is tough. It requires dedication from the whole team. In whatever role you have to play—as a parent, a community member, a staff member, or a student—join the team with a championship mindset.

News From WCHS Chemistry/Physics

The start of the new school year is underway. Chemistry classes have studied safety, safety procedures, laboratory equipment and equipment usage. The classes have also gone through the measurement chapter and recently completed Unit 1 test. Their next topic will be the Atom and subatomic particles.

The Physics class has tackled speed, velocity, and graphs illustrating these concepts. The class is currently working on acceleration (linear) before they move into Free Fall due to gravity. The students performed a Hot Wheels acceleration lab with much success.

AP Chemistry class has gone over summer review concepts and recently took their first exam of the year. The class will begin Unit 2 which encompasses Chemical Bonds, Ionic Compounds, Resonance, Formal Charges, VSEPR and Bond Hybridization. The class just finished a Hydrate Lab.

Dawn Wiebers, HS Chemistry / Physics Teacher

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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - Andrea Johnson, Activities Director

Fall season is slowly winding down ~

We have had a great start to the 2023-24 school year. This fall we have officially welcomed Coach Barry Matthies as the new head football coach. Coach Matthies has a passion for not only football, but for the development of our students both on and off the football field.

We have seen many successes on the fields, on the courts, and in the classrooms. Let's recap some of those successes.

Quick Recap:

Homecoming Festivities - We are having a fantastic week of festivities! Congratulations Queen Jazelle Jarding and King Jesse Jost!

Football - Currently (9/20) 4-0 record, looking forward to several wins in the coming weeks and maybe a few playoff games at home!

Boys Golf - Regions were held on Monday, September 25. 3 boys qualified for state, Connor Mebius, Kamden Zomer, and Anthony Latham. State will be held in Rapid City on October 2-3. Good luck boys!

Volleyball - Currently (9/20) with a 2-7 record. These girls are working hard and building the program. Their season continues strong throughout October with several home games. Come cheer them on!

Cross Country - Kids are representing WC with speed! We should see several runners in the state race on October 21 in Sioux Falls!

Girls Soccer - Currently (9/20) with a 8-2 record with 3 games left before playoffs. We might get to host a playoff game or two.

Boys Soccer - Currently (9/20) with a 0-8-1 record. These boys are building a program. Their hard work and dedication will pay off in the future!

Band - Big weekends are coming up in October! The field show, Opposition, is truly incredible!

Trojan Tidbits:

1. **Physicals** are required annually. No student can practice or compete without this. If a winter sport is the first activity your child is involved in, please ensure these are completed prior to the start of the season.
2. The [Code of Conduct](#) is readily available. Please remember eligibility will be checked every three weeks. Specific dates are outlined in the Code of Conduct. Any student with an F at these grade checks will be ineligible until the following grade check (3 weeks).

Start Dates:

MS/HS Gymnastics - October 30, 2023 - Coaches Dawn Pilker and Delaine Nelson

MS/HS Wrestling - November 13, 2023 - Coaches Mike Ideker and Cole Grocott

MS Girls Basketball - October 30, 2023 - Coaches Scott Johnson, Jamie Kiley, & Brandi Petersen

HS Girls Basketball - November 20, 2023 - Coach Joe Caffrey

HS Boys Basketball - November 27, 2023 - Coach Jacob Sittig

MS Boys Basketball - January 3, 2024 - Coaches Scott Johnson, Austin Lopour, & Derek Bahrenfuss

Upcoming Events:

October 20 - HS Chorus Select Concert

October 20 - End of 1st Quarter

November 2, 3, 4 - HS Fall Play

November 4 - Indoor Marching Band Show

November 17-18 - MS Fall Play

November 28 - MS Band/Chorus Concert

December 14, 15 - Madrigal

West Central School events and activities can be located on the website calendar at:

<http://westcentral.mhsoftware.com/ViewNonBannerMonth.html>

BAND NEWS:



The West Central Instrumental program continues to stay busy as we are through a quarter of the school year already! The high school Marching Trojans are busy on weekends attending competitions on both field and street. The street show is titled, American Spirit, and features solos by Whitney Pageler, Sophia Prostrollo, Avery Jurgensen, and Megan Johnson. They competed in Worthington, Parker, Luverne and Sioux Falls.

The field show is titled Opposition and features music by Randall D. Standridge. Soloists include Avery Jurgensen, Mason Kennedy, Alexa Borns, Whitney Pageler, Taylor Cain, and Tracy Choloprav. The band competed in Marshall, Luverne, Brandon, Sioux Falls, and Orange City.



The 15th Annual Indoor Marching Band Concert will be held at 7 pm on November 4th in the Colosseum. The concert is free and open to the public and features the Award-Winning Marching Trojans, Drumline, Colorguard, and each section. The 8th grade band will also be performing at the event! Prior to the concert, there will be a "Marching Taco" bar available for purchase from 5:00 pm - 7 pm and a silent auction.

Band members will be selling Pastry Puffins as a fundraiser October 10th through October 25th. Contact a band member or Mr. Eye (daniel.eye@k12.sd.us) if you want to order some.

The middle school band and chorus concert will be held on November 28th at 7 pm in the Colosseum. The concert will feature all band and vocal students in grades 6, 7, and 8. The concert is free and open to the public!

Daniel.Eye@k12.sd.us
<https://danieleye.wix.com/westcentralband>
 Director of Bands



West Central High School Theater Presents

Written by Don Zolidis



An amateur theater company's whodunit hurtles towards opening night—but the real mystery is whether the cast and crew can get this disaster to curtain call. It won't be easy when the costume designer's bent on revenge, the actors are wrapped up in a revolving door of showmanes, one suitcase plays the role of nine, and the playwright won't admit that "swordfish" is a weird idea for a murder weapon. The best seat in the house is backstage on opening night in this full-throttled homage to Michael Fray's classic comedy *Noises Off*.

**Performances: November 2nd @ 7 p.m.
November 3rd @ 7 p.m.
November 4th @ 2 p.m.
in the WCHS Auditorium.**

General Admission Tickets : \$5 Adults, \$4 Students

Tickets will also be available on at the school. Doors open half and hour before showtime.

ONE-ACT PLAY AUDITIONS

- 3:45-5:45—Multi-Purpose Room

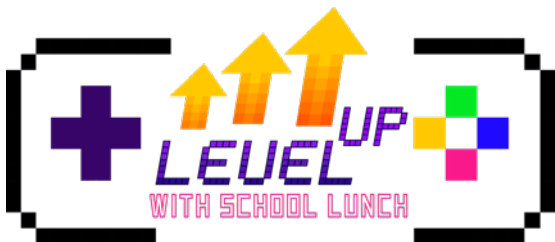
- Thursday, November 16th

The Show Must Go On (During the Zombie Apocalypse)

**If the date Nov. 16th is going to be a problem for you, but you are still interested, contact Mr. Freier. We can work something out.

NUTRITION SERVICES - Tanya Thomas-Parsons, Director

The West Central Kitchens have been busy serving the kids of West Central. We are trying new things to keep the program fresh. The supply chain has been challenging, so please be patient as we adjust menus.



Level UP is the theme for **National School Lunch Week, October 9-13th**

The National School Lunch Program serves nearly 30 million children every school day. President John F. Kennedy created National School Lunch Week in 1962 to promote the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child's life and the impact it has inside and outside the classroom.

The National School Lunch Program lunches are designed to meet nutritional needs of students. Salt, fat and sugar content are limited while maximizing vitamins and minerals, like iron. School meals help children become healthier. These nutritious meals have been shown to improve students' social behaviors and academic performance. Improved cognitive function, higher test scores and better attention span are a few benefits from school lunch.

Menus are located on the West Central Website: <https://www.westcentral49-7.com/menus>

If financial help is needed, please fill out a Free and Reduce application and return to one of the school offices. A copy of the application is available at the link below. Additional help is available if your family does not qualify.

https://www.westcentral49-7.com/_files/ugd/cda18c_32bb120c3b7843619cc7fe412db7f9f8.pdf



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West Central Booster Club

Our Mission Statement: *To provide support to athletes & athletic programs at West Central School through volunteer projects, fundraising, business & personal donations.*

WHO

The WCBC is a team of elected officers, parent representatives who collaborate with coaches & teams, as well as any parent or guardian of a 7th-12th grade student athlete at West Central.

WHAT

The WCBC provides funding for each athlete on a team, approves fund requests from coaches to enhance programs, seeks donations from businesses for funding, coordinates West Central Trojan merchandise sales & manages concession stand at Football Games & Track Meets.

HOW

You can get involved by volunteering to help with concessions when your athlete's team is assigned for an event! The reps send out sign-up sheets to register for the event. You can also assist with our Trojan merchandise store at events, Open Houses, Parent/Teacher conferences, etc. We are a volunteer-run organization & every helping hand matters!

Go to the West Central School District 49-7 home page; Click on *Community*, find *WC Booster Club*

Email: westcentralboosterclub@gmail.com

Find us on  **WEST CENTRAL BOOSTER CLUB**

Come on out to join us at the next event and cheer on your Trojan Athletes!

While you're there, check out our store for all your Trojan Wear needs! New items added every year.

And remember, our online stores are always open! Each sport season will have their own specialized order for athletes & their families, so keep an eye out for the notification! Let's Go Trojans!

