



WEST CENTRAL WIRE

“To prepare all students for learning and living in a changing world.”

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-West Central Schools Mission Statement



GREETINGS

from the
Superintendent’s Office

The district was able to celebrate many successes during our winter seasons. We saw increased achievement scores on our NWEA winter benchmark assessments. Our One-Act play represented the district very well at their state performance. The wrestling program had a great finish to their season during the state team and individual tournament.

State Testing

Every year our 3rd-8th graders and 11th graders take the Smarter Balanced Assessment as part of the Department of Education accountability standards. This year, we will be taking these assessments throughout the month of April. Each student will take the Math and English Language Arts assessment for their grade. Our goal is to have the students be measured at levels 3 and 4 in both areas. We analyze the data that we receive back from these assessments to make curriculum, programming, and other academic decisions. Please encourage your children to work hard and to do their best on these assessments. We want them to show off all their hard work for the year up to this point.

Graduation

We will be honoring our seniors during their graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 18th at 2 pm. We encourage all teachers, staff, West Central employees, family, and loved ones to enjoy the ceremony. These ceremonies provide an opportunity to share and honor the hard work that students have accomplished. We look forward to this event, it provides us a platform to celebrate our students while also wishing them the best of luck in their next pursuits.

Summer Projects

During the summer months, we find ourselves doing many capital projects to upkeep and maintain our beautiful facilities. We have several projects that will be taking place again this summer. We will be getting a new set of bleachers for our Becker Center gym; the older wooden bleachers have lived a good life but are becoming inoperable.

We have several projects happening on the exterior of our buildings and grounds. At Hartford Elementary as part of the new construction project, we are adding a new playground. One key for this project is that we are addressing the groundwork and drainage. The proper elevations and drainage will allow better usage of space during the different seasons of weather that we have. The equipment that is currently in use at Hartford Elementary was installed in the 1980’s. It has outlived its life expectance; we are hopeful that the new equipment performs that well. Our middle school and high school facility will also see some updating. We have a tuckpointing project that will take place on the exterior bricks. A company will come in and replace some of the mortar between bricks. We also dug a well for watering purposes of our practice and game fields. Our middle school and high school will also be getting some new advanced exterior windows. These windows are an added security piece for our school.

Mrs. Peterson and her classes do several quality projects within her classes and activities. Our current greenhouse hampers their ability to expand learning opportunities. Because of this, we will be constructing a new greenhouse for their use. This is going to be a fantastic update to the program that is very successful and fulfilling for our students.

We are also excited about the completion of Hartford Elementary. The 4 new classrooms, gym area, commons, kitchen, and renovation of current spaces will be completed this summer and ready for our return to school next fall.

New Website and App

During the last week of school, we will be launching a new webpage. Our launch date as of right now, is Tuesday, May 13th. After this new website launches, we ask that you also download our app and allow notifications. We are excited for this update, it is going to allow us to share our story and who we are as Trojans in a much more effective manner.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Knight, Superintendent

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.

WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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EARLY DISMISSAL FOR 2023-2024

School will dismiss at 1:30 pm on
the last day of school, May 17th

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

<http://westcentral.mhsoftware.com>

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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.

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.

West Central on the WEB
www.westcentral49-7.com

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:

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Office for Civil Rights
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Teacher of the Year and Classified Staff of the Year

The West Central Education Foundation hosted its annual Trojan Night of Distinction on Saturday, March 2nd. Each year, the West Central School District collaborates with the Foundation to recognize its Teacher of the Year. This year, both the Teacher of the Year and Classified Staff of the Year were announced during this special event.

Some changes were implemented in the Teacher of the Year selection process, such as transitioning to a digital platform, opening the nomination window earlier, and shortening the nomination period. These adjustments led to 27 certified teachers and 9 classified staff members being nominated. The list of nominees is provided below.

Teacher of the Year Nominees			
Mrs. Emily Badura	Mr. Derek Bahrenfuss	Mrs. Joy Berg	Mrs. Kyndra Brockmueller
Mrs. Amber Eberhard	Mrs. Nicole Harmon	Mrs. Rebecca Harr	Mrs. Tova Hartle
Mrs. Rebecca Jaspers	Mrs. Jaime Kommes	Mrs. Lexy Lueth	Mrs. Samantha Meirose
Mrs. Janel Merkwan	Ms. Bailey Nester	Miss Kelsey Ninceheler	Mrs. Julie Odegaard
Mrs. Joan Peters	Mrs. Linda Petersen	Mrs. Brandi Petersen	Mrs. Jenn Poulos
Ms. Nicole Roth	Mrs. Carolyn Spielmann	Mr. Wade Tirrel	Ms. Elizabeth Thompson
Ms. Mackenzie Vander Woude	Mrs. Sheri Volbrecht	Mrs. Breanna Welch	
Classified Staff of the Year Nominees			
Liam Hamilton	Rick Coker	Kathy Lutter	Wendy Lewis
Kerri Horner	Norma Bannwarth	Donny Struck	Delle Thompson
Ericca Paul			

Teacher of the Year Announcement



Mrs. Amber Eberhard, a dedicated First Grade teacher, was honored as the West Central Teacher of the Year for this year. Mrs. Eberhard was recognized for the remarkable impact she has on her students' lives. One of her nominators expressed, "When you step into her classroom, you can feel the love she has for her students and for teaching. Every child in her classroom knows they are loved and valued from the moment they walk in." Mrs. Eberhard emphasizes the importance of self-worth and empowerment among her students. Each day, her class recites the affirmations "I am special, I am important, and I can do anything!" Mrs. Eberhard aims for these words to instill confidence and belief in each student. Congratulations to Mrs. Amber Eberhard on this well-deserved recognition!

Classified Staff of the Year

Liam Hamilton, from the Technology department, was awarded the Classified Staff of the Year. Liam is known for his unwavering commitment to assisting both students and staff with their technological needs. Colleagues nominated him for his dedication, communication skills, and swift provision of resources to support the school community. Congratulations to Liam Hamilton for this achievement!



The West Central School District expresses gratitude for its exceptional certified and classified staff members. Stay tuned for the nomination process for the Teacher of the Year and Classified Staff of the Year awards, set to commence in October 2024!

Drivers Education

West Central will again be offering Driver’s Education to our students. The instructor for this year will be Mr. David Tuch. Each student needs to complete 30 hours of classroom instruction, 6 hours of behind-the-wheel driving and receive an 80% or higher on the written and driving tests to pass the class. The classroom portion of the course will begin Tuesday, May 28th, with the behind-the wheel portion starting in June. A schedule of exact times for the classroom portion is below.

Attendance is required. Before registering make sure you can attend all the classroom classes. If you have an activity that is not a West Central school sponsored event, you still must attend driver education classes.

The fee for Driver’s Education this year is \$275. **Registration and payment are due by May 6, 2024 and must be done online at <https://westcentral.revtrak.net>.** Registration will open on April 1, 2024.

Class size is limited to 75 students. If the number of requests exceeds 75 students, the following criteria will be used to determine enrollment: 1) WC Students, 2) student’s age

Students must be age 14 by August 1st 2024 in order to register for the course. If you have any questions or concerns about the program, please call Mr. Rockafellow at the Middle School 528-3799 ext. 1201

Classes will be held in the auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday	May 28th	Friday	May 31st
Wednesday	May 29th	Monday	June 3rd
Thursday	May 30th		



SCHOOL NURSE'S CORNER

It's hard to believe that we are in the last quarter of school. With the beginning of a new school year approaching I wanted to send out a reminder of the South Dakota Department of Health's immunization requirements. If you have a child entering kindergarten, junior kindergarten, or 6th grade there are immunization requirements.

Junior Kindergarten/Kindergarten Immunization Requirements:

1. Four or more doses of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP) vaccine with at least one dose after age 4.
2. Four or more doses of poliovirus vaccine, with at least one dose after age 4.
3. Two doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine, minimum age for the first dose is 12 months.
4. Two doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine, minimum age for the first dose is 12 months. History of disease is an acceptable exemption with parent of guardian signature.

Sixth Grade Immunization Requirements:

1. One dose of Tdap is required for sixth grade entry if the student is 11 years old. If the student is 10 years old upon sixth grade entry, they will have 45 days after their 11th birthday to receive this immunization.
2. One dose of MCV4 (Meningitis) is required for sixth grade entry if the student is 11 years old. If the student is 10 years old upon sixth grade entry, they will have 45 days after their 11th birthday to receive this immunization.

Exemptions:

There are two exemptions accepted by the State of South Dakota, religious and medical. Per SD Codified Law 13-28-7.1, medical exemptions are a certification from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of a child would be such that immunization would endanger the child's life or health. Religious exemptions qualify if the child is an adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such immunization. If a parent or guardian would like to request a religious exemption, paperwork can be filled out with the school nurse.

Please let me know if you have any questions and I look forward to another great year!

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WEST CENTRAL STATE ASSESSMENT NEWS

From April 3rd to May 3rd, students in grades 3-8 and 11 will take the state assessment in (a) English Language Arts and (b) Mathematics. Students in grade 5, 8 and 11 will also take the state assessment in (c) Science.

The assessments measure student achievement of our state's standards in the areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. In addition, score reports will provide information on student performance in the following areas:

- English: reading, writing, listening, & research
- Math: concepts and procedures; problem-solving and modeling/data analysis; & communicating reasoning
- Science: physical science, life science, and earth & space science

The assessments are given through an online computer application and are unique in the way they adapt to a student's question responses. This is important as it provides questions that are appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude towards testing. These assessments are not timed; however, we provide the following times as estimates of assessment duration: (a) English: 3.5 - 4 hours, (b) Math: 3 - 3.5 hours and (c) Science: 1 - 1.5 hours.

Student grades will not be impacted by their performance on this assessment, however the assessment does serve as a way for the school to analyze how well we are helping students meet the standards. Shortly after the testing period is complete, you will receive a report showing your child's scores.

There is no need to study in preparation for the assessments. We do, however, ask that parents help students prepare for testing days by ensuring they get plenty of rest on nights before testing and eat a good breakfast the mornings of testing. We want students to try their best so words of encouragement would be great too! It is important for students to come to school on test days. State assessments are required, therefore making up a missed assessment leads to less instructional time and a loss of important learning opportunities.

This testing is very important for your child, and the *West Central School District*. Thank you for supporting your child and our school during this assessment period. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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District Assessment Coordinator
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ELEMENTARY NEWS

Amy Johnson, Humboldt Elementary Principal
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Ashley Bahrenfuss, Hartford Elementary Principal
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Hello from Hartford and Humboldt Elementary School! As we slide into spring, the end of the school year is creeping closer and closer. We wanted to share a few pieces of information with you as we near the final month and a half of school.

Field Trips: Every year, each grade level plans a field trip for their students. Please be on the lookout for information on your child's grade-level field trip, as they are coming quickly! As a general rule, when chaperoning a field trip, we ask that other children (not in school) do not attend the field trip. Please be sure to let your child's classroom teacher know if you have any questions!

Music Concerts: Spring Concerts for both buildings will be coming up in the next few weeks!

Hartford Elementary Concerts: Tuesday, April 22nd
1st Grade will be at 6:00pm
Kindergarten will be at 6:45pm
2nd Grade will be at 7:30pm

Humboldt Elementary Concerts: Monday, April 29th and Tuesday, April 30th
K-2 will be Monday, April 29th at 6:00pm
3rd Grade will be Monday, April 29th at 7:00pm
4th Grade will be Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00pm
5th Grade will be Tuesday, April 30th at 6:00pm

Summer Learning Opportunities: As we near the summer months, we wanted to just pass a long a few opportunities to keep students learning over the summer. We understand that the summer months are for students to take a break, as well. However, these few options will do wonders to combat summer learning regression and keep students skills progressing in the right direction! First, we will be hosting Summer School. Due to construction, it will be offered at West Central High School. The program will remain the same; the location is the only piece that is different. Summer School is for students who will be going into 1st grade through going into 5th grade. It takes place three days a week for six weeks. There is a group offering in math and reading, but also an individual option in both math and reading. Information was sent home via Class Dojo recently, so please make sure to take a look if that's something that interests you!

There are also some options that students can do at home! Throughout the summer students will have access to RazPlus (K-5), Dreambox Math (K-5), and Zearn (3-5). These programs would do a wonderful job in progressing student skills in both reading and math. They will provide an opportunity for students to keep on the learning track with fun and engaging material. Please reach out to your student's teacher if you are in need of log in information.

Another option (and one we highly encourage) would be to continue to have your children read throughout the summer. Keeping student's eyes on print, even in their 'off' months, makes for some great gains throughout the summer moving into their next grade level! Siouxland Libraries-Hartford Branch has some great opportunities and incentives for student reading. They would be a great resource to reach out to over the summer!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to either of us with questions! We'd be happy to visit with you!

KinderCamp

****A summer camp for children entering Kindergarten or Junior Kindergarten in the fall of 2024****

In KinderCamp, your child will:

- Explore new friendships
- Become familiar with school routines
- Gain experience working in a group situation
- Build self-confidence
- Reinforce school readiness skills
- Have fun!



DATE: June 3 - June 7 (M-F)

TIME: 8:00 - 11:00 am or 12:30 - 3:30 pm

LOCATION: Hartford (AM/PM option) and Humboldt Elementary Schools (AM option)

COST: \$50.00 (If in need of financial assistance, please call Mrs. Bahrenfuss or Mrs. Johnson)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: May 10, 2024

Mrs. Bahrenfuss - 528-3215 ext. 1301; Mrs. Johnson - 528-3325 or 363-3131 ext. 1401

**Please clip and either mail or bring this portion, with \$50 payment attached

**Checks payable to: West Central School District

** Mail/Bring to: West Central Hartford Elementary School
Attn: Summer DeJong, Administrative Assistant
PO Box 730
Hartford, SD 57033

Session Choice: _____ Hartford AM Session _____ Hartford PM Session _____ Humboldt Session

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ E-Mail Address _____

Father's Work _____ Mother's Work _____

Father's Cell _____ Mother's Cell _____

Child's Birthday: _____

Deadline to Register: May 10, 2024

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS - Mark Rockafellow, Principal

Spring has sprung...sort of! The third quarter has now passed and the fourth quarter is underway. The coming weeks will be filled with exciting opportunities and preparations for next year.

This time of year brings the South Dakota Assessment of English-Language Arts, Math, and Science testing. Each of our students will participate in statewide testing between April 3 and 10. Only the eighth-grade students will be tested in Science. We will run an adjusted schedule on those days to accommodate the two hours of testing in the morning. We ask that you encourage your child to do their best to demonstrate what they know and are able to do. Students are required to bring a pair of wired headphones each day for testing. Wireless/Bluetooth headphones are not permitted for testing.

The middle school celebrated our annual Science Fair in February. Over one hundred projects were researched, developed, and displayed. The event featured traditional display boards in sixth grade and electronic portfolios in both seventh and eighth grades. Each grade level celebrated three winners and a handful for honorable mention. Approximately ten students and projects represented West Central Middle School in the regional fair. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate and students will have to compete virtually in the regional fair.

Students will also complete their final round of NWEA assessments in May. Again, we ask parents to encourage their children to put their best foot forward when taking the assessment. The results provide valuable information regarding the students' learning and the school's programming.

Spring brings planning for next year. Eighth-grade students and their parents recently attended an informational meeting to learn about graduation requirements and expectations for high school. Reviewing student handbooks and middle school procedures for the upcoming year are also topics of discussion for the middle school staff this time of year.

As warmer weather arrives and outdoor activities begin, students are reminded to finish the year strong. Finishing strong means keeping focused on academics as well as activities. Parents and students are also reminded to keep the dress code in mind when choosing attire for the warmer days. Please check the student handbook if you have any questions regarding appropriate attire.

As always, please stop in or call if you have questions or concerns. The middle school staff is always willing to help make learning an enjoyable experience.

Mark Rockafellow, Principal
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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - Dr. Andrew Barron, Principal**JoAnne Bohl Named South Dakota History Teacher of the Year**

West Central teachers are among the best in the state, so it is well-deserved when our teachers win statewide awards. Last month, South Dakota Historical Society named JoAnne Bohl 2024 South Dakota History Teacher of the Year. Bohl has been teaching at West Central High School for 25 years, where she has been a faithful steward of a long tradition of great social studies teaching.

Last year, Ms. Bohl received a Native American students grant that brought books and professional development to the whole district. Later, Ms. Bohl presented at the statewide Civics and History Summit, which took this experience to an even larger audience. This example is just the latest of dozens of times Ms. Bohl contributed to the improvement of South Dakota's history education. From serving on standards committees to advocating for social studies education, she is a stalwart of civics and history education.

Join me in congratulating Ms. Bohl!

From School to Work

At West Central High School, we value the connections between the workplace and school. This year, we have two students who are learning to be electricians by working during their school day. Next year, we are planning to expand that number to many more. If you think your rising senior might want to spend some of his or her school day working in the trades such as electricity, plumbing, welding, or HVAC, have your child talk to me.

West Central Commencement
West Central High School Colosseum
May 18th, 2024
2:00 pm



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - Andrea Johnson, Activities Director

Spring sports are rolling!

HS Trojan Track and Field

Track began practice at the end of February. The first outdoor meet is at home on Monday, April 8. We are hoping the snow will be gone and the ground will be dry enough to hold this meet. We have approximately 75 students out for HS track this year.

West Central will host the Conference Track Meet on May 9. State Track will be held in Sioux Falls again this year, May 23-25.

MS Trojan Track and Field

MS track began practice at the end of March with their first meet being the home meet on Tuesday, April 9. There are currently 80 MS students signed up this year! We are very excited to see what these young athletes can do.

Girls Golf

Golf also started at the end of March. Hopefully the weather cooperates so we can get a few practices in on the course before our first meet at Elmwood Golf Course against O'Gorman. Regions will be held on Thursday, May 23 at The Pointe Golf and Event Center. State Golf will be held on June 3-4 Bakker Crossing Golf Course.

Trojan Softball

This team is back in action and ready to defend their title. They began practice in the middle of March and are scheduled to play their first game at the end of March. State softball will be held May 30-1 in Aberdeen.

Summer Update

With Summer rapidly approaching, there are a few things to share. West Central will be hosting a number of camps over the summer. As more details are finalized, information will become available at <https://www.westcentral49-7.com/summercamps>.

Fall Reminders

Students in grades 7-12 are required to have a physical on file at West Central in order to participate (start practice) in interscholastic sports. Physicals for the upcoming school year must be dated AFTER April 1, 2024 and MUST use the SDHSAA physical form. These forms can be found at [24-25 Physical Packet](#). The other required consent forms from the SDHSAA will be part of our fall online registration as it was last year.

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

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

West Central State Wrestling!



West Central placed 1st at Regions. 11 Boys and 3 Girls qualified for State!

State Boys Wrestling Results:

- Chandler Carda - 2nd
- Chet Carda - 3rd
- Gavin Pischke - 3rd
- Rayce Whiting - 3rd
- Keaton Vessells - 3rd
- Kaden Haakinson - 6th
- Bentley Klinkhammer - 7th
- Langdon Klinkhammer - 7th
- Karson Vessells - 7th

The team placed 4th in the State Tournament and 6th in the State Dual tournament.

State Girls Wrestling Results:

- Allison Foote - 6th
- Hailey Fortney - 7th

Congratulations!



Mike Ideker and Cole Grocott named Region 1A Co-Coaches of the Year.



BAND NEWS:

The West Central Instrumental program is busy preparing for Spring concerts and performances. Congratulations to Gabe Gebhard (Tuba), Allison Brost (French Horn), and Whitney Pageler (Flute) on being selected to perform in the 2024 SD High School All-State Band! They auditioned via video submission and were selected to perform with the top students from around the state in Pierre on March 23.



Attached picture (from L to R): Whitney Pageler, Gabe Gebhard, Allison Brost

The high school jazz bands will travel to South Dakota State University in Brookings on April 11th to compete in Class A at the annual Brookings Optimist Jazz Festival. Both jazz bands will be performing 3 different pieces featuring different styles and soloists.

The 8th grade band will be performing at the Memorial Middle School Large Group Contest in Sioux Falls on April 12th. This will be the first time a middle school band from West Central will perform at this event!

The High School Spring Band Concert will be held on April 23rd at 7 pm in the Colosseum. The concert will both high school jazz bands and the concert band. The concert is free and open to the public. The following day, the concert band will travel to Harrisburg for the Region II Large Group Contest. The band will perform 3 pieces of music for 3 judges and receive a rating.

On April 29th, 130+ middle school band members will perform at the West Central MS Instrumental Solo/Ensemble contest. Students will perform for a judge to receive a rating and feedback.

On May 23rd, the newly revived Middle School Marching Trojans will be taking their talents to ValleyFair in Shakopee, MN to march around the park at 11:15 am. Following their performance, students will have the rest of the day to enjoy rides and activities at the theme park.

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Director of Bands

2024 SPRING MUSICAL!!

West Central High School Theater Presents



Public Performances:

April 19th @ 7pm

April 20th @ 2 & 7pm

This play is rated PG, with a few uses of adult language and adult situations.

Based on the Stephen Spielberg movie, *Catch Me If You Can* tells the true story of Frank Abagnale Jr., a young con artist who successfully posed as an airline pilot, a Georgia doctor, and a Louisiana prosecutor -- all before his 18th birthday. A master of deception, he was also a brilliant forger, Frank became the most successful bank robber in the history of the U.S. The musical follows Frank's cat-and-mouse game with Carl Hanratty, an FBI agent determined to capture him.

End-of-the-Year Theater Potluck/Ceremony:

May 7th @ 6pm (in Auditorium)

Come join us for a potluck dinner in the Commons, and then the end-of-the-year ceremony looking over the year, handing out awards, and looking to next year!

NUTRITION SERVICES - Tanya Thomas-Parsons, Director

It is unbelievable that this school year is coming to an end. Child Nutrition Services wants to thank you for sharing your students with us, we have been honored to serve them.

As the year wraps and starts to come to an end we want to bring awareness to a few items:

My School Bucks will be open during the summer. This will allow families to budget and continue to add funds to their student(s) meal accounts for school year 2024-25. Free & Reduced Applications will be available to complete online starting August 2024, be on the lookout for information. Project 22 money is available to all West Central families that apply BUT do not qualify for free and reduced meals.

The summer feeding program will be available at select sites in Sioux Falls. This program is free to all children 0- 18, no paperwork necessary. Please check the West Central Website to find the participating locations, times, and days or use this link to find the closest site <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>.

School Lunch Hero Day is Friday, May 3rd. This is the day to recognize the efforts the West Central Child Nutrition team



shows every day to provide healthy meals to students. The staff not only prepares food but serves it with a smile and kind words. The staff encourages children to try new things to get all the nutrients their

growing bodies need. Not all heroes wear capes! Please stop by and shower the lunch heroes with words of kindness and appreciation and see what our lunch heroes are offering for lunch.

Enjoy the summer! We can't wait to see the students back in the cafeterias for the 2024-2025 School Year.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to the WC PTA for the generous donation to the WC Libraries! Hartford and Humboldt Elementary & the MS / HS Libraries were able to purchase 81 books that had been requested by students and staff.

Hartford Elementary students enjoying the books they requested.



A few of the books donated by the PTA to the WC MS/HS Library.

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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West Central School District 49-7
2024-2025-School Calendar

August – (11 Contract Days)
 1 – New Student Registration 9am-3pm
 5 – District Student Registration Day
 12, 13 – New Teacher In-Service
 14-16 – Teacher In-Service
 19 – All Staff In-Service
 19 – Open Houses
 21 – 1st Day of School
 30 – No School

September - (20 Contract Days)
 2 – No School – Labor Day
 ** - School Dismissal at 1:30 -
 Homecoming - Date TBD

October – (22 Contract Days)
 14 - No School – Native American Day
 18 - School Dismissal at 1:30-Teacher
 Work Time. End of Quarter-40
 Instructional Days
 21 - No School - P/T Conferences
 11am - 7pm

November - (18 Contract Days)
 27-29 - No School-Thanksgiving

December – (15 Contract Days)
 20 – School Dismissal at 1:30 – Winter
 Break Begins, End of Quarter-41
 Instructional Days
 23-31 – No School -Winter Break

January – (21 Contract Days)
 1,2 – No School - Winter Break
 3 – No School – Teacher In-Service
 6 – Return from Winter Break
 20 – No School – Teacher In-Service

February – (18 Contract Days)
 13 – School Dismissal at 1:30.
 P/T Conferences 2 - 9pm
 14 – No School -Comp Day for Teachers
 17 – No School – President’s Day
 28 – No School -Comp Day for Teachers

March – (19 Contract Days)
 13 – School Dismissal at 1:30, Teacher
 Work Time, End of Quarter 45
 Instructional Days
 14 – No School
 21 – No School

April – (20 Contract Days)
 18 – No School
 21 – No School

May – (16 Contract Days)
 17 - Graduation
 21 – School Dismissal at 1:30
 End Quarter– 45 Instructional Days
 22 – 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.

October 2024

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November 2024

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December 2024

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January 2025

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February 2025

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March 2025

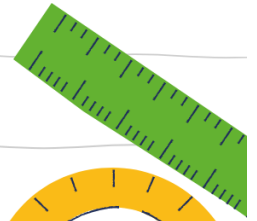
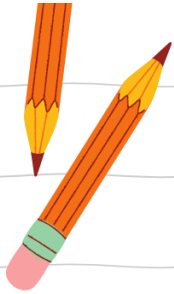
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April 2025

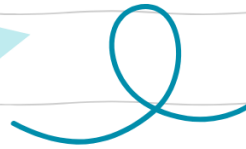
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May 2025

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BACK
TO
SCHOOL



District Registration Day

August 5, 2024

11 AM TO 7 PM



2024-2025 West Central School Supply List

EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPLY LIST

- 1 backpack
- 1 box of gallon Ziploc bags
- 1 box of quart Ziploc bags
- 1 large tissue box
- 2 large containers of disinfecting wipes
- 1 change of clothes in large zip-loc bag - label bag w/ child's name
- Any necessary items if your child is not toilet trained

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

- 1 backpack
- 8 Elmer's glue sticks
- 2 bottles of Elmer's glue (8oz)
- 10-pack classic Crayola markers
- 24 pack Crayola Crayons
- 1 container of Lysol/Clorox disinfectant wipes
- AND 1 box of Kleenex

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 backpack
- 2 boxes of 24 regular Crayola crayons
- 2 box of 10 classic color Crayola markers
- 6 standard-sized Elmer's glue sticks & 1 Elmer's glue bottle (8 oz.)
- 6 fine-tip black Expo dry-erase markers
- 1 wide-ruled spiral notebook & 1 composition notebook
- 3 plastic pocket folders
- 1 soft-sided holder for markers & 1 hard-sided art box for supplies
- 12 pack No. 2 Dixon pencils - sharpened
- 1 large eraser
- 1 scissors (fit to hand)
- 1 washable Crayola watercolor paints
- 1 set of Headphones (no earbuds or wireless/ L jack preferred)
- 1 box of tissues AND Clorox wipes
- Ziplock bags: girls-gallon, boys - sandwich

GRADE ONE

- 1 backpack (DO NOT LABEL SUPPLIES)
- 1 pkg (8-12) #2 pencils (sharpened) AND 1 big pencil eraser
- 8 black Expo dry-erase markers
- 1 old sock (or eraser for dry-erase board)
- 8 glue sticks
- 1 pair of Fiskars scissors
- 1 box of 12 Crayola markers
- 1 box of Crayola colored pencils -12 count
- 2 boxes of Crayola crayons – 24 count
- 1 plastic pencil box
- 2 notebooks
- 1 red, 1 yellow, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 black folders (**plastic with prongs**)
- 1 Headphones (recommended Sony ZX Series Wired On-Ear \$9.99 on Amazon)
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- 1 box of quart-size storage bags (boys only)
- 1 box of gallon-size storage bags (girls only)
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 spiral notebook

GRADE TWO

- 1 school bag or backpack
- 4 black Expo markers for whiteboards
- 1 whiteboard eraser or sock
- 1 pkg. 8-12 Crayola colored pencils
- 2 boxes of 8-10 Crayola markers
- 1 box Crayola crayons, 24-count
- 4 Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 Fiskars scissors
- 1 pkg. 24 pencils (#2, please have sharpened, Ticonderoga brand)
- 1 large eraser
- 3 folders
- 3 notebooks (wide rule)
- 1 supply box or fabric pencil pouch
- 1 large Kleenex box (210 count) (boys only)
- 1 container of Clorox/Lysol wipes (girls only)
- 1 set of Headphones

GRADE THREE

- 1 backpack
- 1 box of Crayola markers (classic colors)
- 1 box of Crayola colored pencils
- 1 box Crayola crayons, 24-count
- 2 large Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 large Elmer's glue bottle (white)
- 24 #2 pencils (**please pre-sharpen**)
- 10 Expo dry-erase markers (dark colors)
- 1 pointed scissors
- 6 folders with hole punches (Not pronged)
- 3 spiral notebooks
- 1 pack of pencil top erasers
- 1 large pencil eraser
- 1 whiteboard eraser
- 2 sturdy 3-ring binders with **clear plastic** cover (1 inch)
- 1 small pencil pouch with a 3-hole punch (no box)
- 1 box Kleenex
- 1 set of Headphones
- Boys: 1 box of gallon Ziploc baggies
- Girls: 1 additional box of Kleenex

GRADE FOUR

- 1 book bag-no wheels
- 2 red ink pens
- 1 box of 8-12 Crayola colored pencils
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 1 box 8-10 Crayola markers
- 10 Expo dry-erase markers (blue or black)
- 1 eraser (or sock) for dry-erase board
- 1 large tissue box
- 1 bottle of Elmer's glue
- 1 kid's classic pointed-tip scissors
- 1 box of Crayola crayons, 24-count
- 24 pencils (#2 lead pre-sharpened)
- 1 pink eraser
- 1 pencil/supply pouch
- 4 spiral wide-ruled notebooks
- 5 poly folders
- 1 set of Headphones
- 1 container of Clorox wipes

GRADE FIVE

- 1 book bag - no wheels
- 1 box of 8-12 colored pencils
- 1 box of 8-10 markers
- 1 yellow highlighter
- 10 Expo dry-erase markers (dark colored)
- 1 dry board eraser or sock/cloth
- 2 red ink pens
- 1 pencil pouch/box
- 1 large (210 count) tissue box
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 adult-sized scissors
- 1 box of crayons
- 24 pencils - #2 (please pre-sharpen)
- 1 pkg of pencil top erasers
- 5 spiral notebooks
- 5 folders
- 1 set of Headphones

ELEM. PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Athletic shoes required. No fashion tennis shoes including thick-soled, backless, or strap-back shoes. No sandals, Crocs, or boots. **Students must either come in tennis shoes they can tie or velcro, please.** Appropriate clothing for all grade levels.

****Middle school and high school lists on the back****

2024-2025 West Central School Supply List

MIDDLE SCHOOL PE

Students in grades 7 & 8 require shorts, t-shirts, appropriate tennis shoes, and personal hygiene supplies. Grade 6 PE requires clean athletic shoes for participation in the class.

MIDDLE SCHOOL Art

1 Thin Tip Sharpie
1 Regular Sharpie
1 12 piece colored pencil pack
1 large glue stick
1 pink eraser

GRADE SIX

1 plastic carrier pouch
24 #2 pencils
1 box of crayons, colored pencils, or markers
2 hi-liter markers
6 ballpoint pens
1 pkg. Expo markers
1 pointed scissors
1 - 12-inch ruler (metric & inches)
Elmer's glue sticks
1 book bag (**WITHOUT** wheels so it fits in student's locker)
1 large tissue box, 210 count
3 one-subject notebooks
2 two-pocket folders
1 organizer (either trapper keeper style OR accordion style)
1 set of headphones for computers
1 stylus (pen for the iPad)
1 thin-tip Sharpie (for Art)

GRADE SEVEN

1 scissors
1 box of colored pencils
1 box of black Expo markers (turned in to the math teacher)
1 pack of glue sticks
24 #2 pencils (1 pk to be w/ Advisory teacher in case pencils are lost)
6 ballpoint pens
4 highlighters (varying colors)
1 pencil pouch
1 12-inch ruler
1 large tissue box, 210 count
1 pack of 3 x 5 index cards
1 set of wired headphones
4 one-subject notebooks
2 composition notebooks
1 organizer – Trapper Keeper or Accordion folder
1 fine-point stylus pen
1 thin-tip Sharpie (for Art)

GRADE EIGHT

1 scissors
1 box of Crayola colored pencils
Manual Pencil Sharpener
12 #2 pencils
6 ballpoint pens (2 red)
1 12-inch ruler
1 large tissue box, 210 count
3 notebooks
1 inch 3-ring binder
5 folders
3 x 5 index cards - one package
Stylus (for writing on iPads)
1 thin-tip Sharpie (for Art)
Earbuds/headphones

ALL HIGH SCHOOL

Texas Instruments TI-84 Calculator
3 Notebooks
pens & pencils
1 box of Kleenex for SRB
Earbuds or headphones
2 packs of index cards
1 pack of highlighters
3 packs of Post-It Notes
1 – 2 pocket folder
1 individual notebook or binder
2 colored pens (not black)
1 pkg. crayons or colored pencils

HIGH SCHOOL ART 1, 2, PORTFOLIO, PHOTOGRAPHY, SCULPTURE

8x10 Sketchbook
1 thin-tip Sharpie or Micron Pen
1 Sharpie