



Between Us...



...a monthly communication newsletter with and for our parents.

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Dates Of Special Interest

November

- 5 student departure day
- 7 students return PM
- 12 student departure day
- 14 students return PM
- 19 student departure day
- 21 students return PM
- 24 **student departure day**
- 25-26 **Thanksgiving break**
- 26 **furlough day – campus closed**
- 28 students return PM



December

- 3 student departure day
- 4 students return PM
- 10 student departure day
- 12 students return PM
- 16 Winter Drama Performance
- 17 student departure day
- 20-Jan.1 **Winter Break**



January

- 2 students return PM
- 7 student departure day
- 9 students return
- 14 student departure day
- 17 **Martin Luther King Holiday**
students return PM
- 21 student departure day
- 23 students return PM
- 28 student departure day



Message from the Director

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Cold, Snow, and Transportation Winter Transportation in Wisconsin

Once again, the winter season is almost upon us. As much as I've loved this fall, it was absolutely awesome really, I know I can expect that the crisp, cool days will be replaced by howling northwestern winds, bitter, biting cold, and snow, snow, and more snow. So in preparation for the winter wonderland that is Wisconsin I'm bringing out my annual transportation article, otherwise known as the, "what happened to the bus?".

With winter comes the wonderful experience known as "WSD Homegoing Transportation" and the need to remind ourselves about the ins and outs of this event.

The act of safely transporting large numbers of school children across the state in a timely manner is a complex one fraught with all kinds of problems and obstacles.

At WSD, the weekly homegoing transportation, a complicated process at best, becomes exponentially more difficult in bad weather. Most parents only see their children get on or off the bus or plane at the designated place and time. They don't realize that there is a long chain of events leading up to that moment. It all starts in the residential hall with the Transportation Coordinator, an overworked and underpaid individual whose successes are taken for granted and whose errors are never forgotten.

"If all difficulties were known at the outset of a long journey, most of us would never start out at all."
William F. Buckley Jr.

Among the Transportation Coordinator's many responsibilities is that of making sure that all those students scheduled to return home on Friday and to school on Sunday are listed on the right route sheet with the right drop off/pick up locations each week. This would seem simple on the surface, but is actually a never ending nightmare as parents call to change plans, students want to visit with each other, the athletes are staying at WSD

over the weekend, and a myriad of other events that affect the homegoing process. Last minute changes wreak havoc with the process and sometimes result in confusion and mistakes. This is why we have deadlines for visitation approval and other such requests. Despite our best efforts mistakes are made, yet if you consider how many homegoings occur each year and the number of students involved, the percentage is extremely minor. If I had a batting average like that I'd be the greatest hitter in baseball history.

There's also the headache of trying to keep eight buses and two planes running on time. Every time someone is late to pick up their child(ren) and the bus or plane has to wait it has a domino effect. If departure is delayed at each stop for a mere 10 minutes, the buses can arrive an hour late at their last stop. Needless to say, the parents at the last stop don't appreciate this which is why we stress that parents make every effort to be on time. If it's a Sunday pick up and the parents are late, then the buses/planes depart at a set time. As a result, sometimes students miss the bus and end up remaining home for the week, a very undesirable situation.

Now, with all these factors, throw bad weather into the picture. I don't mean a little rain, think of a real Wisconsin snowfall or freezing rain. These conditions can obviously result in the cancellation or delay of some or all of the buses or planes. Now the fun is just starting, WSD must then contact the parents of all those students and inform them of the changes. This is the reason why we require up-to-the-date contact information, including emergency numbers. If we can't contact you, we can't inform you of the changes.

There are also the variations of local weather conditions. Did you know that it can be sunny and pleasant in Delavan while there's a blizzard in Tomah? It can also be perfectly beautiful when we leave Delavan and then a real snow squall can close the roads in the Baraboo area. The buses that go near Lake Michigan deal with lake effect storms which can crop up without notice and blow as furiously as a blizzard.

Back in the early 1990s one of our buses got stuck in such a sudden storm and the students had to spend the night in a gymnasium. Of course we got blamed all up and down for allowing the buses to run in a dangerous situation, angry phone calls were commonplace for the next couple of days. But we had no warning about the storm and the chaperones and driver made the correct decision once they realized the severity of the local storm. This is Wisconsin, you can't really predict all the weather.

When the weather is looking iffy the bus company and the airline pilots make the decision as to whether to go or not. They contact us at WSD and discuss the situation. The drivers and the pilots are the people whom we entrust with the safety and welfare of the children so we listen to them carefully.

With winter bearing down on us again it's good to remember all that goes into the transportation decisions. Please remember to make sure we have your most up-to-date contact information including emergency numbers. Also please make every effort to reach the pickup/drop off points on time. We all need to work together to make the transportation program successful.

Have a safe and happy winter.

WSD Birthdays



December

- 2 Damon Hopp
- 8 Alexander Kronforst
- 18 Jhada Meyer
- 19 Marizol Bravo
- 24 Guadalupe Jacuinde-Gaspar
Hannah Rees
Jed Eldred
- 28 Roberto Gonzalez
- 29 Briana Robertson

January

- 2 Jon Post
- 4 Beatriz Vasquez
- 5 Mitchell Perry
- 6 Alejandro Evangelista
Camille Kangas
- 7 Skyla Meyer
- 10 Gunner Hahn
- 26 Greta Surprenant
- 29 Karibella Ouimet
- 31 Ariana Eldred

Athletic Department:

It is my great pleasure to recognize all Fall Sports Teams and give big “HANDWAVES” for their great contribution and outstanding performance this year. They certainly make WSD proud. Thank to our coaches for their well-done job and being a big part of our athletes’ accomplishments, too!

It is our pleasure to recognize our 2010 Homecoming Court.

King – Jose Castillo

Queen – Maydee Vande Hey

1st Prince – Travis Waala

1st Princess – Heather Besaw-Benz

2nd Prince – Cody Gannon

2nd Princess – Amanda Feliciano

3rd Prince – Tony Davis

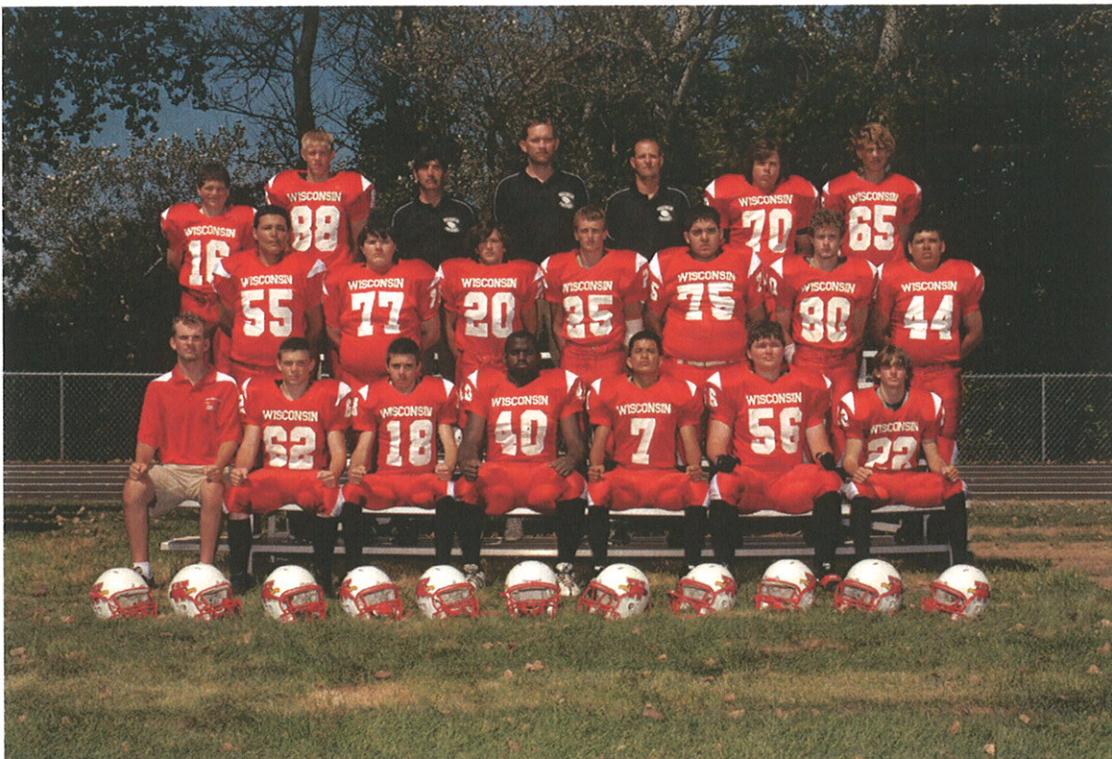
3rd Princess – Hannah Rees



Varsity Football:

Our Firebirds football team completed a 3rd winning season in a row with a record of 8-1 and won their first ever GPSD 8-man football champions. We are waiting for Deaf publications’ 8-Man Football National Title announcement within few weeks. You can find detailed and updated information on www.deafdigestsports.com and www.sportsmx.com. According to sportsmx.com, we continue to be ranked #1 in the nation through voting.

WSD will graduate 6 seniors: Ian Breaker, Jose Castillo, Tony Davis, Cody Gannon, Justin Toles, and Travis Waala. They are a big part of WSD football’s three straight winning seasons. We will miss them next year and are ready for a new group next Fall.
Coaches – Steven Fuerst, Tom Armato, and Michael Eldred



Boys' Varsity Football Results

GPSD Champions

Date	Opponent/Location	Time/Score	Record
Thur - Sept 2	@ Minnesota School for the Deaf	30 - 16	1 - 0
Sat - Sept 11	Georgia School for the Deaf @ Ohio	76 - 28	2 - 0
Thur - Sept 16	Michigan School for the Deaf @ WSD	64 - 24	3 - 0
Sat - Sept 25	@ Mississippi School for the Deaf	56 - 20	4 - 0
Sat - Oct 2	@ Iowa School for the Deaf	60 - 0	5 - 0
Thur - Oct 7	Ohio School for the Deaf @ WSD	54 - 14	6 - 0
Tue - Oct 12	@ Abundant Life	38 - 64	6 - 1
Sat - Oct 16	Kansas School for the Deaf @ WSD (Homecoming)	54 - 6	7 - 1
Thur - Oct 21	Oklahoma School for the Deaf @ WSD	46 - 42	8 - 1

Varsity Volleyball:

Our volleyball team had a rebuilding season with young and inexperienced players on the team. They have been fundraising for Gallaudet University's volleyball camp this summer and this will help them to improve their volleyball and team skills. They are looking forward to come back next year. Lori Eldred was selected on GPSD All-Tournament. WSD will graduate 2 seniors, Maydee Vande Hey and Heather Besaw-Benz while the rest of the players will return next year. - Coaches Kathy Sterwerf-Jackson and Heather Martens

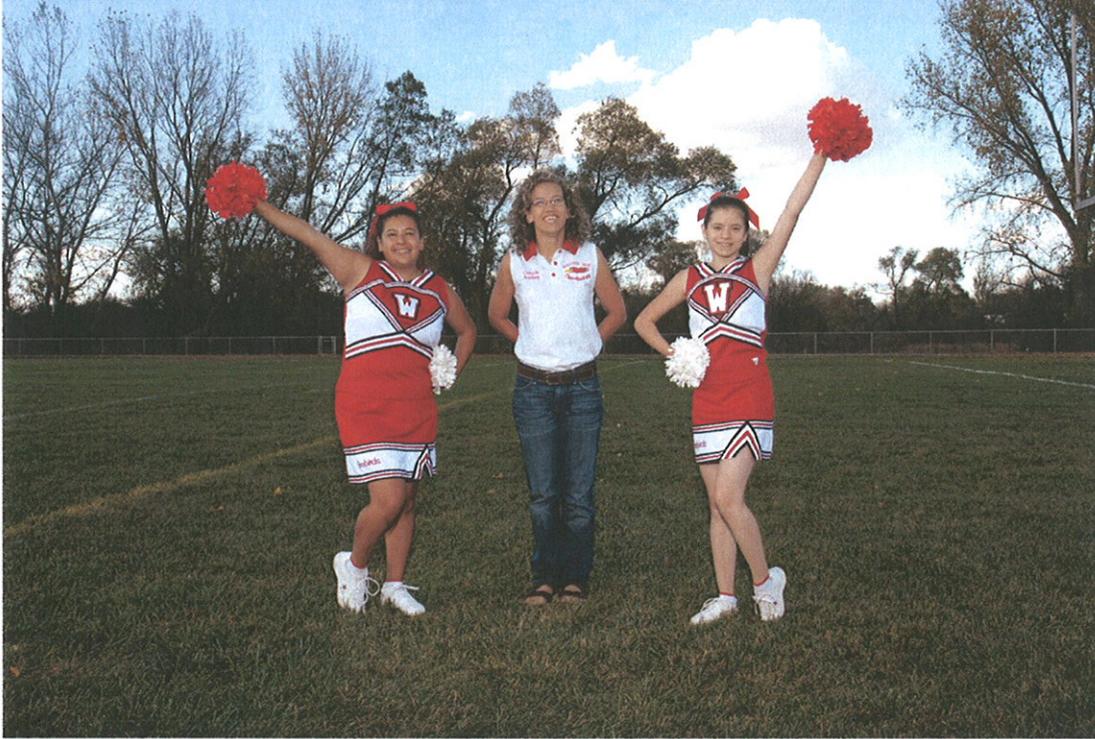


Girls' Varsity Volleyball Results

Date	Opponent/Location	Time/Score	Record
Wed - Sept 1	@ Minnesota School for the Deaf WSD vs Northstar	0 - 3	0 - 1
Wed - Sept 1	@ Minnesota School for the Deaf WSD vs Minnesota	0 - 3	0 - 2
Thur - Sept 9	@ Rock County Christian	1 - 4	0 - 3
Tue - Sept 14	@ Waukesha Christian	1 - 4	0 - 4
Wed - Sept 15	Michigan School for the Deaf @ WSD	3 - 0	1 - 4
Thur - Sept 16	Mountain Top @ WSD	0 - 3	1 - 5
Mon - Sept 20	@ Mountain Top	0 - 3	1 - 6
Thur - Sept 23	Union Grove Christian @ WSD	0 - 3	1 - 7
Sat - Sept 25	@ Mississippi School for the Deaf	3 - 0	2 - 7
Tue - Sept 28	Abundant Life @ WSD	1 - 4	2 - 8
Sat - Oct 2	@ Iowa School for the Deaf WSD vs Boystown	2 - 1	3 - 8
Sat - Oct 2	@ Iowa School for the Deaf WSD vs Iowa	1 - 2	3 - 9
Tue - Oct 5	Waukesha Christian @ WSD	0 - 3	3 - 10
Fri-Sat - Oct 8-9	GPSD @ Missouri School for the Deaf WSD vs Minnesota	0 - 3	3 - 11
i-Sat - Oct 8-9	GPSD @ Missouri School for the Deaf WSD vs Missouri	2 - 1	4 - 11
Fri-Sat - Oct 8-9	GPSD @ Missouri School for the Deaf WSD vs Iowa	1 - 2	4 - 12
Fri-Sat - Oct 8-9	GPSD @ Missouri School for the Deaf WSD vs Kansas	0 - 2	4 - 13
Tue - Oct 12	@ Union Grove Christian	0 - 3	4 - 14
Thur - Oct 14	@ Abundant Life	0 - 3	4 - 15
Sat - Oct 16	Kansas School for the Deaf @ WSD (Homecoming)	2 - 3	4 - 16
Tue - Oct 19	Rock County Christian @ WSD	1 - 3	4 - 17

Special thanks to 2 cheerleaders and their coach Amber Havers for giving spirits throughout the season and decorating for our greatest ever Homecoming!

WSD FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS



Middle School Tackle Football:

Middle School Football posts 2nd winning record in a row with 6 wins and 2 losses. WSD defeated ALCS 40-28 and won the first ever middle school championship for WSD. Thanks to the coaches for their great program with the MS Football team throughout the season.

- Coaches Paul Fuerst, Tom Eldred, and Mark Wanninger



Middle School 8-Man Football Results

Conference Champions

Date	Opponent/Location	Time/Score	Record
Tue - Sept 14	@ ALCS	52 - 14	1 - 0
Tue - Sept 21	St John's @ WSD	30 - 0	2 - 0
Tue - Sept 28	UCC @ WSD	22 - 36	2 - 1
Tue - Oct 5	ALCS @ WSD	36 - 14	3 - 1
Tue - Oct 7	Beloit @ WSD	20 - 16	4 - 1
Tue - Oct 12	@ St John's	52 - 6	5 - 1
Mon - Oct 25	@ Martin Luther	47 - 75	5 - 2
Tue - Nov 2	Championship @ WSD WSD vs ALCS	40 - 28	6 - 2

Middle School Volleyball:

The middle school volleyball team had a 6-7 match record this season but they actually won more games 21-14 than they lost. They usually lose 1-2 and win 3-0 so it adds up to more games won than lost this season. – Coaches Zuhair Alsaegh and Andrea Olson



Date	Opponent/Location	Time/Score	Record
Thur Sept 9	St Francis @ WSD	1 - 2	0 - 1
Mon Sept 13	RCCS @ WSD	0 - 2	0 - 2
Tue Sept 14	@ Faith Christian	1 - 2	0 - 3
Thur Sept 16	@ St. Andrews	1 - 2	0 - 4
Mon Sept 20	@ RCCS	2 - 0	1 - 4
Tue Sept 21	St. Andrews @ WSD	2 - 0	2 - 4
Thur Sept 23	Delavan Christian School @ WSD	1 - 2	2 - 5
Tue Sept 28	Williams Bay @ WSD	3 - 0	3 - 5
Thur Sept 30	@ Our Redeemer Lutheran School	3 - 0	4 - 5
Mon Oct 4	Our Redeemer Lutheran School @ WSD	3 - 0	5 - 5
Thur Oct 7	Faith Christian @ WSD	3 - 0	6 - 5
Tue Oct 12	MS Tournament @ WSD St Andrews vs WSD	0 - 2	6 - 6
Tue Oct 12	MS Tournament @ WSD DCS vs WSD	1 - 2	6 - 7
Tue Oct 12	MS Tournament @ WSD 1st Place - St Andrews 2nd Place - ORLS 3rd Place – DCS	Tourney	4 th place 6 - 9

Special Olympic Bowling:

What a great season we had with bowling. Although no one advanced during the tournament on Sunday November 7th, they bowled great. I was so proud of each and every bowler this year. It was a good season! - Coaches Mike Coates and Karen DeFalco





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