

Bobcat Bulletin

Western Dubuque High School

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April/May
2012 Newsletter

Principal's Message

This is the last Bobcat Bulletin of the year. It is amazing how fast the school year has gone. Spring is one of the busiest times of the year for students because there are so many different activities. Remember that we have study table on Monday nights and Wednesday morning if students need extra time outside of the school day to complete their work.

There is a district vote to take place on April 3. There have been Town-Hall meetings throughout March and there is also a note in this bulletin. Please mark your calendar and get out to vote!



Dave Hoeger
Principal

2012 Dubuque Area Youth Leadership Council (DAYLC)

By Mr. Ken Kurt, DAYLC Advisor

One hundred high school juniors from ten area tri-state high schools have been selected into the 2012 DAYLC membership. Western Dubuque High School had fourteen of its own selected. The first leadership seminar day will be held on March 29th at the University of Dubuque. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent WDHS this year: Anastasia Barrett, Rochelle Beardsley, Brett Correy, Alex Daly, Dylan James, Paige Koerperich, Derick Ludwig, Scott Miner, Nicole Neal, Allison O'Rourke, Megan Rauen, Cody Reimer, Adrianna Welter-Mayne and Larissa Wilming.



John Hlubek
Assistant Principal/
Activities Director

Spanish Students to Guatemala

By Ms. Micheline Witter, Spanish Instructor

During the week of June 3rd through the 10th, 2012, the Spanish department of Western Dubuque High School and Cascade High School will be going on a trip to Guatemala.



The trip will include guided tours of attractions in Antigua, Tikal National Park, Pacaya Volcano, Monterrico Beach and Guatemala City. The curriculum's goal for this trip is to provide a sense of appreciation and understanding of the Hispanic culture as well as to give the students the chance to practice/improve their Spanish skills. In addition to the learning goals, this trip will also allow students to participate in a humanitarian project in which we will be helping an orphanage.

The Spanish department of Western Dubuque will be collecting donations for the orphanage during the first week of May. Since there is a luggage limit, we will accept only money as donations. We would appreciate donations!

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Automotive Class Looking for Cars

By Mr. Steve Seay, Industrial Technology Instructor

The Automotive Shop is looking to purchase a couple of inexpensive vehicles for students to work on. Vehicles do not need to be in working order but if they are, that would be ideal. We are also looking for any small engines for the upcoming Small Engine class that will begin in the fall. If you have any lying around gathering dust, they would be greatly appreciated. You can contact me at (563) 876-3442 ext. 3059 or steve.seay@w-dubuque.k12.ia.us



Family Consumer Science News

By Mrs. Liza Walke-Pollitt, FCS Instructor & Caitlyn Hlubek, FCS Student

On February 10th, the eleventh and twelfth grade students in Mrs. Walke-Pollitt's Family and Consumer Science 2 class had the opportunity to take a field trip to the Finley Birthing Suites in Dubuque. Prior to taking the trip students had been learning about Labor and Delivery. Students were able to take a tour of the Birthing Suites, the NICU, the Cesarean Delivery Operating Room, and role play a mock delivery. At the end of the tour students were able to witness a newborn baby girl get her first bath, as well as listen to her heartbeat. The field trip was a great learning experience for the class and they would like to say Thank You to the Finley staff for a great day.



Art News

By Ms. Vicki Recker, Art Instructor



The WDHS Art Department will be participating in the WaMac art show and competition at the Celebration Barn in Solon, Iowa on April 10th. Sixteen students had work(s) selected this year for the show. It is an honor for all students selected to attend the show as schools are limited to bringing only twenty pieces of art each. In addition to the show and award ceremony, students will be attending a presentation by Mr. Dick Schwab. Mr. Schwab will be discussing the significance and design of his round barns. After the presentation students will tour the facility.

The Western Dubuque High School annual art show will be held in conjunction with the Academic and Artistic Achievement evening on Wednesday, May 9th. Please stop by and view the show before the ceremony that evening. The art show is open to the public from 6:00-7:00 pm. A wide variety of both two-dimensional and three-dimensional pieces from all courses will be on display.

Attention WDHS Art Alumni

By Mrs. Vicki Recker, Art Instructor

Do you know a Western Dubuque Alumni that still pursues their love for art? This year the annual Western Dubuque High School art show held on May 9th will showcase a section of Alumni work. Alumni are welcome to bring in a drawing, painting, photograph, or sculpture that they have recently completed. Work must be prepared for hanging or display. Work would need to be dropped off at the high school April 30th through May 4th. Please contact Vicki Recker prior to drop off dates at vicki_recker@w-dubuque.k12.ia.us if you are interested in showing a piece.

Student Council Bobcat Bulletin

By Mr. Tom Danner, Leadership

The WaMac Leadership Conference in February was another great success; fourteen schools were in attendance. March was a busy time for the Bobcat Student Council! As our Bobcat basketball and bowling teams made their way to the state championship, we were busy planning pep rallies. We also raised money for Coach Troy Brown by selling wristbands and taking donations.

We kicked off March Madness week on Friday the 16th with the Sadie Hawkins dance. We sailed through the rest of the week with lots of fun at Mr. WD High, Ruff n' Tuff Volleyball, and Senior Survivor. Scott Miner, junior, was the winner of Mr. WD High and Andy Kruse was the Senior Survivor champion. All proceeds from March Madness week went to the Children's Miracle Network, which we have been donating to all school year! We will finish off March by working at the parent-teacher conferences.

The Student Council has another busy month ahead of them with prom just around the corner. Prom is April 28th at the Dubuque Fairgrounds and After-Prom will follow at the high school. If you are interested in chaperoning at prom or donating prizes for After-Prom, please contact Tom Danner at Tom.Danner@w-dubuque.k12.ia.us.

The Bobcat Student Council is working with the community to plan a mock accident, to promote smart decision making not only on prom night but throughout students' lives. We are always busy promoting skin cancer awareness with the Outrun the Rays committee. We are asking students to pledge not to use tanning beds and make safe decisions about skin care.

Once April is over, the student council will cruise through the end of the year. Graduation planning and upcoming elections for the 2012-2013 student council are last on the agenda. We have two busy final months ahead of us and can't wait to finish strong. **Go Bobcats!**



Senior Survivor
Morgan Maiers & Andy Kruse

Graduation Information

The 2012 senior class of Western Dubuque High School will conclude their school careers at commencement on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. The ceremony will be held in the main gymnasium. The class has chosen as its motto, "Together we have experienced life, separately we will pursue our dreams, and forever our memories will remain."



All seniors must have their assignments completed in all classes, their school fees paid, lunch account paid, and school service hours completed in order to participate in the commencement activities.

Students are expected to report to the hallway by the wrestling room by 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, 2012. All graduates must wear their cap and gown. We recommend that the girls wear either a nice dress or dress pants and blouse and the boys wear a pair of dress pants with a dress shirt and tie. More information will be sent home in May.

Sunday, May 20nd, is a culmination of four big years in the lives of our graduating seniors. For each of the graduates and for you the parents, we hope the commencement afternoon is a proud and joyous occasion.

Seniors' Last Day

Senior's last day will be on Friday, May 18, 2012. The agenda for this day will be as follows:

Senior Breakfast - All Seniors are invited to attend breakfast in the old cafeteria on Friday morning May 18, 2012. Breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. WDHS faculty will also be attending.

Graduation Practice - Immediately following the breakfast, seniors will practice for graduation in the gymnasium. All graduating seniors are expected to be at this practice so they can participate in the graduation ceremony. More information will be coming out soon.

Annual Awards Ceremony - Immediately following the graduation practice, the annual all-school Awards Assembly will be held from approximately 9:30-11:30 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend this awards ceremony.

If you have any questions regarding graduation, please contact Becky at 563-876-3442 ext. 3005 or Becky.Gasper@w-dubuque.k12.ia.us

Graduation Notes

All graduation materials, which includes announcements and caps & gowns, will be delivered to the seniors on **Friday, April 13, 2012** during lunches. If any seniors are still needing to order items for graduation, please call our Jostens representative, Frank Zucker at (563) 271-8473.

Scholarships

We have several new scholarship opportunities for seniors. Please stop in the guidance office for a complete list of scholarships available at this time.



Scholarship information can also be found on our web site: www.w-dubuque.k12.ia.us under the Guidance Office section and then select scholarship information.

New Resource for Parents of Seniors!

It's hard to believe that college may be right around the corner for your student. You know that your worries and hopes for your child don't stop when you drop them off on campus. You may think though, that your opportunity to have conversations with them about alcohol and other drugs or influence over their decisions is coming to a close. But it doesn't have to. We know that your influence as a parent continues, even when they're not living under your roof.

The first six weeks away at college can be very important. This may be the first time that your new collegiate is exploring their new found independence. They choose their friends, join campus activities and groups, and set the stage for how they will socialize on and off campus. They may experiment with drinking or put themselves in uncomfortable situations. Because of this, keeping the communication open with your new student during the first six weeks, and beyond, is very important.

Helping Services has created a resource called "Off to College: Now What?" that has week by week tips for how to continue important conversations with your child through the first six weeks of college and beyond. The booklet also contains additional resources you can check out as well as a quick tool that you can use that may help you to identify when your student may need some additional help. This free booklet will be available online and can be downloaded at www.helpingservices.org

Academic and Artistic Excellence Award Night Scheduled

By Ms. Dianne McDermott, English Instructor

Western Dubuque High School in Epworth, Iowa will host an evening program celebrating students' academic and artistic achievement on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, starting with an art and music exhibit at 6:00 p.m. in the Commons then followed by the awards program at 7:00 p.m. in the old gymnasium. Bars and refreshments will be part of the opening exhibit. The program will feature the presentation of awards in all academic disciplines. Other highlights of the evening will include performances by students involved in speech, vocal and instrumental music programs at the high school. Keepsake programs will be provided for award recipients and their families. Committees composed of teachers and staff members are planning the program, which is chaired by Tracey Broadbent, Becky Gasper and Dianne McDermott.



Invitations will be sent on April 19th to families of individuals who will be receiving awards or performing during the evening. Extended family members, such as grandparents, aunts and uncles are encouraged to attend, as well as all members of the student body. Please RSVP, with the number attending, by May 2nd. Please plan on attending this wonderful evening celebrating academics and the arts.

National Honor Society

By Justin Smith, NHS Advisor



Western Dubuque's National Honor Society will be inducting new members into the Society on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 7:30pm in the old gymnasium. Thirty-four juniors and sophomores have applied for candidacy. NHS members are chosen based on academic achievements, character, service, and leadership skills. The new members will join forty juniors and forty seniors, who presently are members of NHS.

Western Dubuque National Honor Society activities for the 2011-2012 school year included: Halloween grams; a Thanksgiving food drive; Salvation Army bell ringing; candy canes sales at Christmas time; and spring locker clean-out. Along with these activities, each student has to document twenty-four hours of school, community, and family service activities. Advisors for Western Dubuque National Honor Society are Justin Smith and Mark Digmann.

FBLA NEWS

By Mr. Jordan Lee, FBLA Advisor

March has been a busy month for FBLA. On Friday, March 2nd, the chapter hosted a dinner and hypnotist fundraiser. All proceeds from the fundraiser assist students who make it to the National leadership conference. On Wednesday, March 14th, we hosted the Mississippi Regional Blood Center for our annual blood drive. Thursday, March 29th we will be attending the FBLA State Leadership Conference, which is a 3 day event in Coralville IA.



WD-FBLA has fifty members representing our membership at the state contest. These members hope to bring home the trophies of their competitive events and qualify for attending and representing Iowa at the National Leadership Conference held in San Antonio, Texas at the end of June.

Thanks to our Bobcat family, we were able to produce 96 units of blood for the American Red Cross. The FBLA members have hosted the blood drive for the past 20 years, organizing, working and giving. Hats off to the students for helping us in this successful endeavor.

This brings us to the month of May when our membership will be selecting officers for next year, and members will receive their certificates for active participation and certificates of leadership in our WD-FBLA student organization.

FFA NEWS

By Mr. Matt Lansing, FFA Advisor

Where has the school year gone? WD FFA has been very busy with Spring Career Development and Leadership events all across the State. This spring is looking to be a great time to have your student become more involved in our chapter as well as to network with students, employers and colleges across the state of Iowa. If anyone would be interested in helping prepare any of the contests teams please feel free to contact Mr. Lansing. There are some dates that he is unable to attend and we would like to have a parent travel with teams to contests to ensure the students the opportunity to participate.

If you would like to check out our website for updated events, permission slips and more please check it out at: <https://sites.google.com/site/westdubuqueffa1962/>, or on Facebook at West Dubuque FFA Chapter.

Mr. Lansing is planning his summer for Supervised Agricultural Experiences. Parents and students are encouraged to sign up to have Mr. Lansing do a site visit which may earn them scholarships, dollars or grants for the jobs, projects and events they are already working on. This is a great way to add to what they are already doing. Please check out the above website for more information.



"The Wizard of Oz"

WHEN: April 20th - 21st @ 7:30 p.m.
April 22 @ 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: WDHS Fine Arts Gym

TICKET PRICES: Adults \$ 7.00 & Students \$ 5.00

(Tickets will go on sale on April 2nd and can be purchased in the Activities Office. You can call Alice at 563-876-3442 ext. 3008 for more information.)

The production includes eighty plus students including forty cast members, eighteen crew members and a pit orchestra of twenty two musicians. Alicia Errthum stars as Dorothy a member of the Gale family that includes Auntie Em and Uncle Henry played by Emily Vaughn and Chance Ingles. The three iconic characters Dorothy meets along the way are played by Brianna Kennedy, Colleen Hoffman, and Alison Brown. Also important to mention are the two witches, the good witch played by Brianna Stillmunkes, and the wicked witch played by Molly Becker. These leads along with a wonderful chorus, a great crew, and a stellar pit band make up this exciting musical production.

WD Pops Concert

WD Pops Concert will be held Monday, May 14th in the old gym. The concert will include the Concert Choir, Aristocats and 5th Ave. Show Choir.



Band News

By Mr. Mike Omarzu, Band Director



The Bobcat Band had a great time performing at the State Basketball Tournament. It was great to support the team for their great season. The band is busy now preparing for solo and ensemble contest and large group. Large group will be held at West Delaware on May 4. The Bobcat Band Homecoming Concert will be May 12 at 7:30 p.m.



The band is looking forward to many new things next year. The band is moving up to class 4A so the band will be competing with bigger bands. The band will also have an additional part time staff member to help out during marching season. And, of course, the band will really enjoy their trip to Dallas for the Ticket City Bowl.

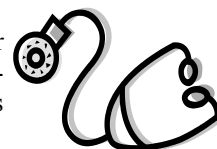
All alumni are invited to come to the Homecoming Concert and play with the band. Contact Michael Omarzu, or check www.wdhsband.com for details.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Booster Club Sponsors Sports Physical for \$15

Western Dubuque High School Booster Club and Dyersville Family Practice will offer a Sports Physical Clinic on Saturday, April 28th. Physicals will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. The cost for each physical is \$15. This money is in turn donated by Dyersville Family Practice to our Booster Club to help all Western Dubuque athletes.

All students who are planning on participating in a sport at Western Dubuque High School or Drexler Middle School need to have a sports physical in order to participate. Students do not need to be a current patient of the Dyersville Family Practice to take advantage of this opportunity. Appointment times for the sports physical can be scheduled by calling Alice in the activities office at WDHS at 563-876-3442 ext. 3008.



Way To Go Bobcat Fans!!

By Mr. John Hlubek, Activities Director

In my February/March Bobcat Bulletin article, I asked the Bobcat Family to "support us" with our athletic and fine arts activities. That you did - with a first class operation!!

Most notable was at the boy's state basketball tournament on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday nights. There was the Bobcat nation, both young and not so young, in our school colors cheering on our team to the state finals. There were friends, neighbors, relatives, community members from our school district, several people from other school districts and members of the 2001 boy's state champion team, all rooting for the Bobcats.

Rick Wulkow, the Executive Director for the boy's athletic association, said our crowd was "unbelievable" and something our school district should be proud of. We were very close to not only winning a state championship but also the sportsmanship award. Well Mr. Wulkow, it is not "unbelievable" because like our student body say "I believe, I believe that, I believe that we will win".

GO BOBCATS, GO BOBCATS, GO BOBCATS, GO!!!

The year is not over though. I hope to see everyone at our spring and summer activities as we continue to put "WD" on the map!

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Calendar

April						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
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Important Dates

April

- 6-9 No School (Spring Break)
- 28 Prom

May

- 18 Seniors' breakfast & practice
- 20 Graduation @ 2:30 p.m.
- 28 Memorial Day
- 30 Last day of school
(3 hour early dismissal)



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Enjoy!!