Dear Fellow Lumberjacks,

Please allow me to take a moment to wish a happy and safe holiday to all of our Wausau East families and community. We hope that all of you are doing well and are excited for the end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021.

The 2020-21 school year has continued to be one filled with unprecedented moments, new trials and never before seen challenges. These times have necessitated all schools to modify and adapt their practices in order to help best serve their students, and East is not an exception. We have continued to navigate uncharted territories. In the midst of all the challenges, we have also experienced many positives. This year has allowed us to examine our practices, grow our resilience, develop increased technology skills, hone our instructional practices and reinvest in the relationships that occur within the learning environment. Our students and staff have continued to grow as a school despite the challenges that have been placed in front of us. I believe the foundation of any school is dependent on the relationships developed within the “community” of our school, and the community of Wausau East is strong. This is a testament to the students, staff and families of the East community. Even during these difficult times, the commitment to providing an excellent experience for the students has been shared by all, and is second to none.

As principal, I am fortunate to have been able to observe students in multiple formats during this past semester. Whether it be in the auditorium, on the field, virtually, during cohort A, during cohort B, in the commons, via Google Meets, or others, I see our students learning, growing, participating, achieving and excelling. I am so proud of what our Lumberjacks are accomplishing and I look forward to seeing what the next semester holds.

We hope that this holiday season brings you much calm, joy and happiness. On behalf of the entire staff of Wausau East High School, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to you and your family. We wish you only the best moving into 2021.

With Lumberjack Pride,
Cale Bushman
Principal
What We Are Thankful For, and What We Are Celebrating...

Through the COVID crisis, spanning both last spring’s fourth quarter and this fall’s first quarter, you’ve really shown your personal drive and desire to succeed, to “make it”. With our current hybrid return to being in building at Wausau East High, new opportunities for face-to-face, virtual, and mixed opportunities exist. Lumberjacks, we want to make the BEST of these multiple platforms of learning and lesson delivery. The rest of this message, intended for students and parents, is in part both a Happy Holiday season thank you and note from the East High Administration:

Lumberjack students, your building administration team is proud of your level of commitment to our Wausau East High core values: respect, integrity, compassion, and excellence. We compliment you for your words, behaviors, practices, and actions that are allowing us to function smoothly amidst such difficult circumstances and trying obstacles. With that being said, we are asking you as a student body to daily keep in mind the following:

1) **Choose a positive attitude**, and 2) **Always demonstrate respect**. This is a powerful “2 for 2”.

- **Accept** the challenge of kindly correcting others when their language/actions are out of line.
- **Identify** others who could use a “pick-me-up” and provide that support.
- **Shock** your teachers daily with your brilliance and enthusiasm for learning.
- **Generate** fun and create group memories with your friends that you’ll cherish.
- **Make** one meaningful contribution to the Wausau community at large this holiday season.
- **Seek** assistance if and when you need help! Connect with an adult you trust.
- **Know we value you and believe in you.** Be great today, and tomorrow, be even better!

**Be happy and safe this holiday season.**

*We send you all warm wishes for a great winter break and beyond!*
Homecoming

COVID restrictions prevent us from having a traditional Homecoming but the Wausau East Student Council has continued working behind the scenes to develop some school wide activities that have always been part of our previous Homecoming weeks.

- T-shirt designs were finalized this summer
- The council leadership team has worked together to devise plans that can be carried out during COVID.
- All students were sent a survey so they could have input into what activities are offered.

More information will be sent to students via email and infinite campus.

It is with heavy hearts that the Wausau East Administration announces the Wausau East Junior Girls Winter Ball 2021 is cancelled. Planning for this event begins months in advance with reservations of space/vendors and ordering decorations for the venue. We want to thank the JG Committee** for all the work they dedicated to fundraising, planning and coordinating this dance. With the growing number of COVID-19 cases in our area and around the country, we feel a cancellation is necessary and a responsibility to our community and health care systems. This is a challenging time we are in and we appreciate everyone’s flexibility and understanding as we navigate through this global pandemic.

Deb Foster, Athletics/Activities Director
Cale Bushman, Principal
Manee Vongphakdy, JG Advisor

** JG Committee Members:
Emily Boutain (President), Chloe Kremnitzer (Vice President), Kenzie Liddy (Secretary), Megan Marohl (Fundraising Director/Flocking Captain), Juliet Carroll (Flocking Captain), Kaia Abuzzahab, Philine Bovet, Cheyenne Lao, Kiki Liss, Nancy Moua, Emma Pagel, Courtney Rowe, Ellie Sewall, Payton Steffen, and Sarina Thao

JUNIOR GIRLS FUNDRAISER

Masks
$8 each
$21 for 3

Masks are CDC recommended 3 ply

Show school spirit and stay safe at the same time!

Purchase in the East Business Office
Free School 🍔🍟 Meats Rock!

Wausau School District Nutrition Services will continue to offer FREE MEALS to all students through June 30, 2021. This includes students learning inside and outside of the classroom setting, as well as all children in the Wausau Community 18 years and under, who are not enrolled in the District.

To be a good steward of this food program, we ask that you are honest in utilizing our meal services over the course of this school year. That means choosing one of the following options for your children to obtain meals during any given week of the remainder of the year. We understand that the path you choose to obtain these meals may change from day to day or week to week for each of your children depending on quarantines, illness or other circumstances.

Students who are attending “in-person” learning in the classroom will walk to the cafeteria to obtain meal choices. The meal will be consumed by the student in the designated area.

OR

Meal distribution site “5-Day Meal Bags” (intended for virtual students): Frozen, 5-day meal bags are pre-ordered by the parent/guardian for their child(ren) using the only ordering system, PayPams. The parent/guardian selects the meal pick up location site/time. Ordering needs to be done by Thursday evening the week prior to pick up. All meal pick ups will continue to occur on Mondays if school is in session. When school is not in session, an alternate pick up day will be communicated to parents.

If you have questions, please contact the Wausau School District Department of Nutrition Services at 715-261-0807.

Wausau School District Inclement Weather School Closing Information
Click on the following links:
Emergency School Closing Plans
Emergency School Closing First Student Bus Arrival Times

Yearbooks must be purchased by February 1.
The cost is $57. Yearbooks can be paid for on Infinite Campus or in the East Business Office. There will NOT be extra yearbooks for sale at the end of the year.
Parents, the WAHISCAN needs your help! If you have taken good photos at East events, please email them to wahiscan@wausauschools.org
Thank you so much for your help!
**BRIDGING Brighter Smiles**

**Best Practices Tool-Kit**

Strengthening our commitment to bridge the gap in dental care while thoughtfully mitigating Covid-19 exposure.

- **Your essential dental team is local**, not travelling in from other regions.
- Team members will perform, and log, daily **Wellness Checks**.
- Touch free temperature checks and age appropriate **Covid-19 screenings** on all students.
- All team members have taken **Continuing Education** courses on Covid-19, Infection Control and increased PPE.

In addition to face shields, N95s and gowns for clinical treatment, team members will wear a **cloth face mask** during all non-clinical treatment times i.e.: entering and exiting the building, walking the halls, visiting the office, using the restroom, etc.

- The **Flu Vaccine** will be offered to all clinical team members to reduce the spread of illness.
- All team members have been **trained on health and safety protocols**.

Only **one student** will be allowed in the designated dental treatment area at any given time.

- Anti-microbial **pre-procedural mouth rinse** for all students to reduce oral microorganisms will be provided prior to the start of their visit.
- High volume evacuation/suction will be used during dental treatment to **eliminate aerosols**.
- Hand instrumentation will be used to **avoid aerosolizing procedures** such as Ultrasonic Scaling.

A **Hand Sanitation Station** for students to use hand sanitizer as they enter and exit the dental treatment area.

- A partition has been provided to all teams for ease of disinfection by organizing space into **infection control zones**, added privacy, and creation of treatment space when needed.
- Only surface disinfectants and sanitizers that meet **EPA guidelines** for use against Covid-19 will be used.
NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR’S CHAIR

Dramas from the Golden Age of Radio

During the so-called “Golden Age” of Radio, from approx. 1930—1960, dramatic and comedic stories were written for, or adapted from other sources to be performed on the radio! After WWII, as broadcast television began to take over the airwaves, many of these radio shows were adapted for TV. Therefore, in this new age of the coronavirus, the East End Players (EEP) are endeavoring to produce two classic radio shows from that ‘golden age’ … In keeping with the holiday season the Wausau East Theatre Program is proud to present, *It’s a Wonderful Life*!

We plan to record these radio plays and hope to enlist the aid of a local radio station or two and the internet for broadcast. So, as we embark upon this “brave new world”, the EEP will continue to strive and present quality theatre on the eastside!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Unfortunately, nothing is ‘set in stone’ yet, but we will let you know as soon as we know when the shows will be broadcast and how you can tune in! We hope to broadcast our prerecorded performances sometime in December. For more information, please contact Terry Riska at Wausau East at 715/261-0650, ext. 23317.

Key Club

Upcoming Event: Key Club is having a blood drive this year and we would love your help! This is a great opportunity to take a small amount of time out of your day and help the community.

When: December 11, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Where: YMCA, Wausau Location

**Disclaimer: To participate we require people to be 16 years of age or older, if you are under the age of 18 you will need a consent form signed by a parent or guardian**

Cheyenne Lao: Special congratulations to our upcoming officer, Cheyenne Lao. She is 16 years old, and a junior at Wausau East. She is this year's Director of Social Media. She has been a member of Key Club since her freshman year and says that her favorite volunteer project was the annual Christmas parade held downtown. We are excited to have her on the officer team!
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Wausau East DECA would like to thank everyone for their Trick or Can donations!

Over 1200 food items were donated to Zoro’s Locker

The Wausau East community has once again, showed how kind and generous they are. Between October 26 and November 6, over 1,200 non-perishable food items were donated to Zoro’s Locker. Zoro’s Locker is a food pantry that serves Wausau East students and families. The pantry was started in memory of Ken Zoromski, a beloved retired teacher and coach at Wausau East who passed away four years ago.

Wausau East DECA participated in a national ‘Trick or Can’ food drive. Students, while following CDC guidelines, placed bags on doors in the Wausau East community with a note inside explaining the food drive. Students then collected and returned to the filled bags to Zoro’s Locker. The drive helped stock the pantry with pastas, cereal, canned vegetables, and much more. Many other generous community members stopped by Wausau East to deliver food after seeing two DECA members Lillie Zaitz, and Makenzi Gale on Channel 7 and Channel 9 news promoting the event. Lillie and Makenzi did an amazing job promoting the event.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s ‘Trick or Can’ event a success. For anyone who would still like to donate, Zoro’s Locker provides food for families all throughout the school year and would welcome donations anytime.

If your son or daughter would like to be involved in future DECA community service projects, social events, or competitions it’s not too late. They can contact Mr. Knight, the school’s DECA Advisor via email: knight@wausauschool.org
IB Course Registration Information

The new year is rapidly approaching and that means that course registration for the next school year is right around the corner. If you are a parent of an 8th, 9th or 10th grade student and are interested in learning more about the IB program, check the Wausau East IB webpage in mid-January for a presentation that will answer the following questions:

- What does it mean to be full IB?
- Should my child take IB classes?
- What are the pros and cons of IB classes?
- How do colleges recognize the IB program?

Current Statistics:

- 58% of our juniors and seniors are taking at least one IB course.
- 29% of our IB students are minority students.
- 24 IB students are Diploma Candidates taking six IB courses, the Theory of Knowledge Course, writing a 4,000-word senior thesis, and completing at least 150 hours of community participation and service.
- 86% of last year’s juniors and seniors were awarded passing grades in the May assessment session.
- 100% of last year’s Diploma Candidates earned the highly respected IB Diploma from Geneva, Switzerland.

Project-Based Learning Expands Focus to Meet Student Needs

As we begin the second quarter, the Project-based Learning (PBL) department is expanding its focus to meet the increasingly diverse needs of our students at Wausau East. In addition to our four courses in Introduction to PBL, Fundamentals of PBL, Intermediate PBL, and Advanced PBL, we are now providing increased direct academic support for all students focusing primarily in the core subject areas of English, math, science, and social studies.

As PBL’s focus is “providing a different path to learning”, this new initiative, known as Operation PEAR$ (Personal, Emotional, and Academic Relaunch Solutions) is using the PBL approach to help all students to increased Re-entry Success (IRS). To that end, our department is seeking to provide increased support to students who have found virtual learning difficult to navigate and have experienced reduced academic involvement and success. We are working to increase student work completion and academic achievement during their cohort’s in-person days.

Our Introduction to PBL class is focusing on a different approach to Operation Operant Conditioning, with the present plan to build a maze and address issues of the effects of stress on our animal subjects. Our Fundamentals of PBL and Intermediate PBL classes are still working on Operation Webcast, while our Advanced PBL team is working on modifying a radio controlled car to maximize speed while not losing remote control capabilities.

If you would like to know more about our PBL program or want to enroll your child(ren) in one of our second semester courses, please contact Oliver Burrows by email at oburrows@wausauschools.org or call him at (715) 261-0650 extension 23106.
Local COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 testing is FREE for anyone who is experiencing a symptom of COVID-19, or if you are a close contact. There are no "out of pocket" expenses for getting tested.

If you have symptoms, or have had direct contact with someone who has COVID-19, you are encouraged to get tested.

Common COVID-19 symptoms include:
- Cough
- Shortness of breath/trouble breathing
- Loss of taste/smell
- Fever or chills
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Sore throat
- Unusual fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Head or body aches

If you are currently experiencing any of these symptoms, stay home and limit contact with others as much as possible while you wait for results.

If you are a "close contact" (exposed), a negative result does not shorten your 14-day quarantine. Continue to monitor for symptoms and stay home.

If you have tested positive with a PCR test, you do not have to get tested again to confirm that you are well. Follow DHS guidelines to determine when you can be released from isolation.

For more information visit the Marathon County Health Department testing page

www.co.marathon.wi.us/Departments/HealthDepartment/COVID19/TestingInformation.aspx
Click the link below for important information on:  
**DAILY HOME SCREENING FOR STUDENTS**

**Wausau East Counseling & Career Center News**

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| **Counseling Department Website**  
During this difficult time of hybrid and virtual learning, we understand that getting information is not as quick and easy as having your child stop in to see us. We have worked to update our East Counseling Website so that parents and students can still get important information relating to academic, personal and career topics. Please visit our website to get pertinent information relating to personal concerns, academics/testing, career options and post-secondary planning. | **Name, Title & Phone #** | **Alphabet** |
| **ASVAB Testing at Wausau East**  
The ASVAB (Armed Serviced Vocational Aptitude Battery) will be taken by some students on Tuesday, Dec. 1. The ASVAB consists of a series of short subtests designed to help students identify skills in a variety of areas; passing the assessment can help students make decisions of their plans after high school. While the ASVAB measures aptitudes that are related to success in different jobs as well as training and education programs, East does not share test results to outside agencies unless requested by the student. | **John Boulanger**  
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School Social Worker  
715-261-0184 | |
Attention Sophomore Parents

The East Counselors typically host sophomore conferences with students and parents in December and January where we begin the process of academic and career planning. Topics include high school and career goals, transcripts, graduation requirements, career planning, Matchmaker results, standardized testing and selecting Junior/Senior courses. Due to COVID, we are changing the format of conferences this year. All sophomore parents will receive a letter home in early December with a link to an informational PowerPoint regarding the above topics, along with their child's Matchmaker results and transcript.

In November, Sophomore students were emailed a link to complete the Matchmaker, a career interest inventory which will match their interests to several career clusters. If your child has not completed the Matchmaker yet, they still can via Xello, East’s Academic and Career Planning platform. Students can log on to Xello through their wausauschools.org bookmarks in chrome.

As stated in the letter, after reviewing the presentation, matchmaker and transcript with your child, if you would like to talk further with your child’s counselor, please contact Gina Walters, at 715-261-0677 or gwalters@wausauschools.org.

Ready to Apply to a WI College?

The new application to the University of Wisconsin System is still waiting for you! User friendly and easy to apply to more than one campus.

Wisconsin Education Fairs Are Going Virtual!!

WEF will continue to be a resource for our students and schools.

WEF will be expecting nearly 100 colleges, universities, military branches, and specialty schools to participate in their college fair portion. WEF will be offering a monthly virtual college fair from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., followed by an interactive financial aid presentation from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Log online at WI Education Fairs for more information and to register to attend.

- Wednesday, February 10, 2021
- Wednesday, March 10, 2021
- Sunday, April 11, 2021

Scholarships

Seniors are reminded to research and apply for scholarships to help pay for college. Now is the time to spend a few hours a week on submitting applications. 2020-2021 Scholarships for Wausau East Seniors

Most scholarships will require documents such as high school transcript and letter(s) of recommendation. Ask your teachers now to write letters. Use the form Request a Letter of Recommendation Form to help your recommenders.
Career Club

What is Career Club?
The purpose of Career Club is to help students gain a better understanding of the career exploration process. In the past we have taken field trips to different companies and colleges and listened to speakers talk about their journey in finding their future career/school. Fun icebreaker games are played at every meeting so students can get to know each other better.

Career Club typically holds two fundraisers throughout the school year. Remember the CRUSH Sodas during Valentine’s Day? That was Career Club! The funds were donated to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital in honor of the late Claire Hornby. The much anticipated Egg Roll Sale in March did not happen due to the pandemic, but members remain hopeful this school year will be a different story. *Fingers crossed! Funds from the egg roll fundraiser are used towards two scholarships to help two lucky seniors in Career Club with their college education. Club Advisor is Ms. Lo. Follow us on Instagram: wecareerclub

Co-Presidents of the Career Club 2020-2021: Lilly Kue & Paji Yang (Class of 2021)

What is your dream career?
Paji: Pediatrician
Lilly: Radiologist Tech

Where will you be applying to college and what will you be studying?
Paji: I am applying to UW Eau Claire and Madison. I will be studying Early Childhood Education and psychology
Lilly: I applied to NTC for their radiography program

Favorite Career Club memory?
Paji: Homecoming parade during my freshman year
Lilly: The crush fundraiser

Why should students join the Career Club?
Paji: Students should join the Career Club to have the opportunity to be involved in fun school activities while being able to explore different education environments. The Career Club allows individuals to learn more about themselves and who they want to be as a result of learning about a variety of careers. Joining Career Club also helped me explore different campuses to find the one that is right for me.
Lilly: It gives them ideas for their life after high school and lets them explore different career paths. It’s also a fun club to join, especially for the fundraisers!
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We wish all of our Lumberjacks and their families a wonderful holiday season!
Mission Statement
The Mission of Wausau East High School is to positively impact the future by helping students reach their full potential in a rigorous learning environment of respect, integrity, compassion and excellence.

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