

# Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz

301 E Main St Wauzeka, WI 53826

January 2021

## **WAUZEKA-STEUBEN HIGH SCHOOL EARNS HIGHEST RATING**

*Wauzeka - Steuben*

*High School*

**“Significantly Exceeds  
Expectations”**



2020-21 School Report Cards—Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction—Office of Educational Accountability

[Dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/home](http://Dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/home)

Efforts to measure a school's effectiveness are numerous and complex. What measure is the best indicator of a school's success? Is it the graduation rate? How about the graduates' readiness for college, tech school, or the workforce? Does the school produce civically engaged citizens? At Wauzeka-Steuben Schools, all of those measures matter. We strongly believe we are successful at producing good citizens with academic preparation and skill development to make them college and career ready.

Each year, the Department of Public Instruction releases a school accountability report card. Report cards are produced for each school and school district in the state. The DPI collects data on standardized test scores, test participation rate, attendance, and graduation rates to produce a “score” for the school and district. In an effort to make the school report card scores easier for the public to understand, the legislature assigned a “star” rating system that looks like this:

- 5 stars = Significantly Exceeds Expectations
- 4 stars = Exceeds Expectations
- 3 stars = Meets Expectations
- 2 stars = Meets Few Expectations
- 1 Star = Fails to Meet Expectations

Personally, I’ve never put a whole lot of weight into a measure that depends so heavily on test data from a single, standardized test score. I find it hard to accept that the best way to measure a school’s effectiveness rating depends on every student demonstrating their best on that one day of testing. It’s certainly acceptable to use the data from the school report card as a piece of evidence to contribute to a more comprehensive assessment.

With that said, I am very pleased to share with our community that the Wauzeka-Steuben High School is rated in the highest category– 5 stars, “Significantly Exceeds Expectations”, for the 2020-21 school year. This score reflects high achievement on the standardized tests, significant academic growth, and high scores in attendance and graduation rate. The Wauzeka-Steuben School District, as a whole, scored in the 4-star category, “Exceeds Expectations.”

This is something for the school and community to be very proud of! Our staff and students celebrate this success, and this success will breed more success. So now, in addition to developing outstanding citizens who are engaged with their community, strong athletics, and college and career ready graduates, we can now add that we significantly exceed expectations to measure our school’s effectiveness.

I hope you can take as much pride in this achievement as you did when our basketball team made it to the state tournament, or even more! This is news too good to not share! Let everyone know we have a 5-star school.

It’s a great day to be a Hornet!

Dave Alexander  
District Administrator

Interim District Administrator-Mr. David Alexander	<u>Board of Education</u>	District Principal-Mrs. Tiffany Dums		
Nikki Asleson-President	Jessie Bird-Vice President	Tom Martin-Clerk	Mara Hird-Treasurer	Ken Buck-Member

# In the Building & Classroom

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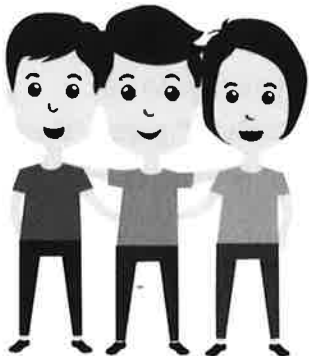
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## THE LOWDOWN ON BULLYING

Bullying, although preventable, is something many kids have faced or are facing. There are several types of bullying that can happen, such as physical/verbal, cyber/online, and social. Despite all being different, they all can have both short term and long term effects, which is why it is very important to prevent such things. Educating younger kids and creating a stronger relationship with them, creating safe environments, and having available resources for kids who are dealing with bullying would all help.

Making sure younger kids are getting a good education about bullying is important, since it would help them understand that it is hurtful and wrong. Not only is teaching them kindness valuable but also demonstrating that both in and out of school is just as vital. Explaining the different types of bullying is a good place to start when educating them. Bullying is considered physical when someone hits, trips, or pushes another person. Verbal abuse is when a target is insulted, made fun of, or gets called names. Racism, homophobia, and teasing in general are also part of verbal bullying. Cyberbullying is when one is targeted online with hurtful messages, posts, or rumors. The last type is social. This, like cyberbullying, includes spreading rumors, telling others to exclude them, and encouraging others to be mean as well.

Safe environments are also important since they would allow the person being bullied to have a place where they can get away from those hurting them. It would also be a good place for them to talk to trusted adults or friends about the problems they face. After school programs could be a good place as well since it strengthens good relationships with others around them, both older and younger. The stronger one's relationship is with a trusted adult, like a teacher, the



more likely one is to be open about the situation and get help. Reminding kids that teachers are there to help and putting that into practice is an excellent way to bond with them. Even if a kid does not have someone to go to right away, there are lots of resources online as well.

Overall, bullying can definitely be prevented. Even if it's not, there are good ways to deal with it and put a stop to it. Educating those around you, being open about these types of issues, and allowing those to help are all a great way to start. A good rule of

thumb to remember is to treat others how you want to be treated.

# OH, CHRISTMAS TREE!

*The 4K class made ornaments and decorated the Christmas tree at Peoples State Bank. Below are their creations on the tree at the bank along with the other 4K students.*



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## **FFA Week**

National FFA Week is getting closer; it begins February 20th and comes to an end on February 27th. It is a time each year for FFA members to take part in agriculture, leadership, and service-based activities, and to share the message of FFA. This year the Wauzeka-Steuben FFA Chapter will be taking part in promoting agriculture in their small school and community. All week long there will be dress up days; Monday- camo, Tuesday- denim, Wednesday- career day, Thursday- flannel, and Friday- FFA colors. There will also be activities all week long in which students can participate. The FFA will hold a "Guess the 'Calves'" game, "Guess How Many Corn Kernels", FFA Trivia, a coloring contest for Pre-K - 5th grade, and blue and gold ice cream all week long!

## **Wauzeka-Steuben FFA's Third Annual Farmers Breakfast**

The Wauzeka-Steuben FFA will hold their third annual Farmers Appreciation Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2021 in the Doll Gym. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, milk, juice, and donuts. This event is free and everyone in the community is welcome to attend. Donations will be welcome. Please help support your local farmers!

# Organizations & Student Achievement

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## **PBIS** Positive Behavior Intervention & Support

The holiday season is here and for PBIS this month, we learned about generosity. Students talked about ways to show generosity without spending money or expecting something in return. Students were presented with the “12 Days of Generosity” challenge: to do something kind for 12 days this month. Then for a team building activity, each class got to decorate their teacher.

### **The 12 Days of Generosity**

1. Write Holiday greetings on the sidewalks.
2. Bake cookies & deliver to friends & family.
3. Leave a Christmas card for the mailman.
4. Do a chore for someone in your family.
5. Donate toys or food to a local charity.
6. Offer to help someone wrap gifts.
7. Leave cards at houses with great lights.
8. Deliver hot chocolate to someone.
9. Help a neighbor shovel or do another chore.
10. Go Christmas caroling
11. Make holiday cards for the nursing homes.
12. Give spare change to the Salvation Army.



### **Hornet Pride**

The most truly generous persons are those who give silently without hope of praise or reward.

Carol Ryrie Brink

Buzzing Broom  
5th Grade

Golden Spoon  
1st Grade

Silent Slippers  
3rd Grade

Healthy Hornet  
4K

## Congratulations to our November Students of the Month



**Ella McCullick:** Ella is a very helpful and polite student. When she sees others in need of help she offers help without being asked. She is a very thoughtful and mindful student. She does her very best work in and outside of the classroom. I am so proud of her hard work and helpful attitude. Ella is in Mrs. Cathy's Kindergarten class and the daughter of Emily McCullick.

**Brayden Trautsch:** Brayden always comes to class happy, excited, and ready to participate. His attitude helps class run smoothly, and he is always a great friend and teammate to all. Brayden is in Mrs. Cathy's Kindergarten class and the son of Brian and Ashley Trautsch.



**Hailey Martin:** Hailey works hard all day, every day. She has not had one missing assignment all year and goes above and beyond with her work. Her work is always done neatly and with pride. Hailey is also respectful and follows directions and expectations the first time they are given. Hailey does what is right, even when no one is watching. Hailey is in Mrs. Martin's 5th grade class and the daughter of Troy and Jessica Martin.



**(Middle School) Isabella Bunders:** Isabella always tries her best in everything she does. She is outgoing and works well with her teachers and peers. She is always willing to help out and continues to show great respect to others and responsibility. Isabella is in 8th grade and the daughter of Ryan and Misty Bunders.

**(High School) Trisha Gillitzer**

Trisha works very hard. She is currently taking two math classes at the same time and excelling in both of them. Trisha kept a great attitude throughout her quarantine period and was always responsible about getting things done and getting help when needed. Trisha is a freshman and the daughter of Michael and Angela Gillitzer.



**(High School) Isaac Reichmann**

Isaac is taking challenging classes, committed to making environmental changes in the building, including working on a grant for the school to be more sustainable, and is involved in many clubs and athletics. Isaac is a senior and the son of Jason and Kirsten Reichmann.



**HORNET  
PRIDE**

# Some Hornet Buzz Fun

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## Edible Cookie Dough

Stuck Inside on a cold winter day? Follow this recipe to make some delicious edible cookie dough!

(PLEASE DO NOT TRY WITHOUT PARENT SUPERVISION)

### Ingredients

- 1 cup of brown sugar
- ¼ cup of granulated sugar
- 1 cup unsalted butter (room temperature)
- 2 ½ teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 2 cups of all-purpose flour (Heat-Treat your flour! Place in a microwave-safe bowl and microwave for 50-60 seconds to be safe)
- 2 tablespoons of milk
- 1 cup of chocolate chips (optional)



### Instructions

1. Do not forget to heat treat your flour!
2. In a large bowl, mix together the brown sugar, granulated sugar, and butter with a mixer until light and fluffy, (about 1 minute), then add in the vanilla and salt and mix.
3. Next, add in your flour and mix well, then add your milk and mix until it all starts to come together!
4. Finally, add your chocolate chips if you choose, and mix them in!

*Now you have a nice snack for the winter day! Remember to not eat too much at a time, and enjoy!*





**BREAKFAST**

**JANUARY 2022**

Wauzeka Steuben School District

\*Homemade

**Monday**

**3**  
\*Breakfast Wrap  
Or  
Bagel

**10**  
\*Sausage Gravy with Choice of Biscuit or hashbrowns

**17**  
Pancakes  
Or  
Waffles

**24**  
French Toast  
Bacon  
Or  
PBJ

**31**  
Apple Frudel  
Or  
Combo Bar

**Tuesday**

**4**  
French Toast w/ Blueberries  
Or  
Yogurt Cup

**11**  
\*Muffins w/Cheese stick

**18**  
\*Hornet Sandwich  
Or  
WG Donut

**25**  
\*Scramble eggs w/ Cheese & salsa  
Or  
Yogurt cup

**Wednesday**

**5**  
Freshly Baked Cinnamon Rolls  
Or  
PBJ

**12**  
\*Yogurt Parfaits w/ Strawberries Blueberries Granola

**19**  
\*Homemade Banana Bread w/ Cheese stick

**26**  
Frudel  
Or  
Bagel & cream cheese

**Thursday**

**6**  
\*Scramble eggs, Biscuit w/jelly& Peanut butter

**13**  
Combo Bar  
Or  
Omelet

**20**  
Bagel w/peanut butter  
Or  
Breakfast Pizza

**27**  
\*Choice of Homemade Muffins

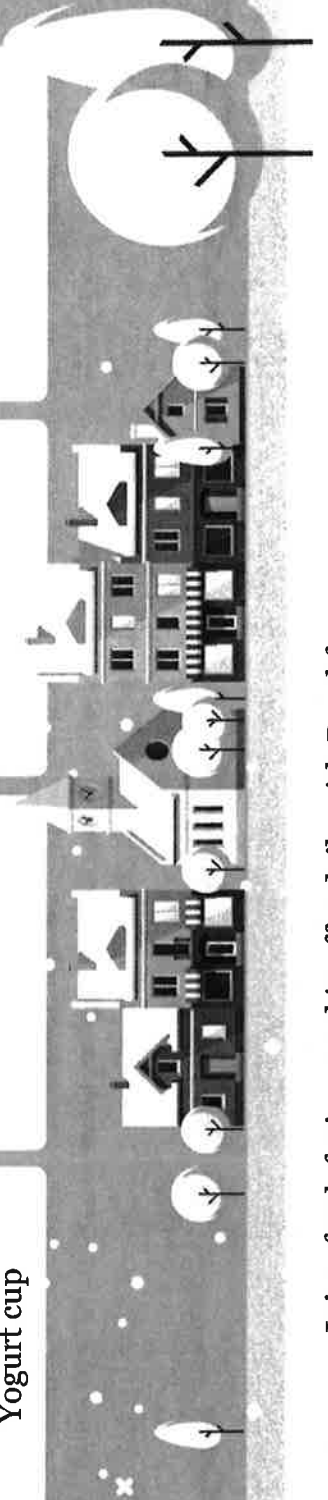
**Friday**

**7**  
Choice of Frosted long johns  
Or  
WG donut

**14**  
Cheese omelet  
Sausage links  
Or  
Yogurt cup

**21**  
Sausage pancake on a stick w/ syrup  
or  
Yogurt cup

**28**  
\*Breakfast Casserole  
Or  
Cheese omelet



Juice, fresh fruit, cereal is offer daily with Breakfast  
Menu is subject to change with little or no notice  
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**LUNCH**

**JANUARY 2022**

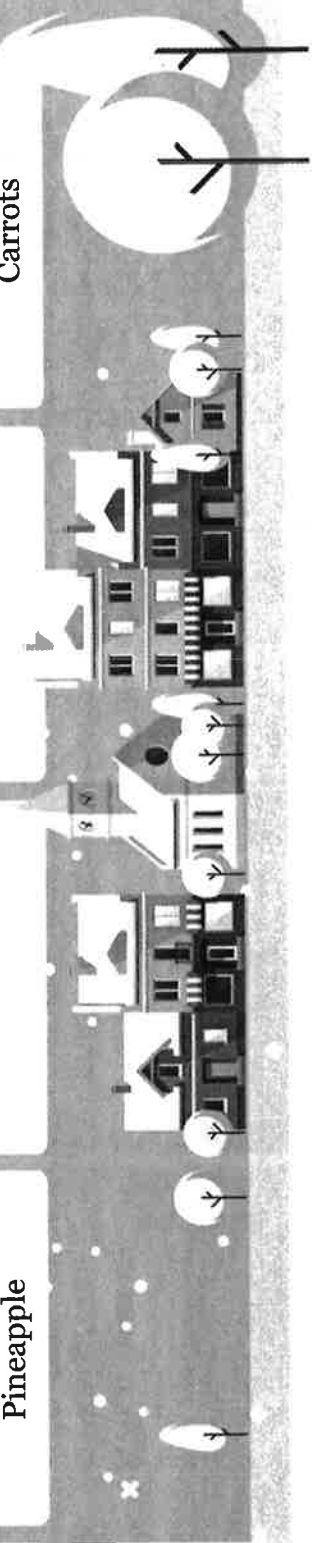
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Crispy Chicken Patty w/bun Baked Beans Banana, Pineapple	4 Walking Taco Choice of toppings Corn Peaches	5 Chicken w/gravy Over mashed potatoes Dinner roll Pears	6 Spaghetti Meat sauce Breadstick Applesauce	7 Corn dogs Green Beans Chips Mixed Fruit
10 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Fries Carrots, Banana	11 Breakfast for Lunch Sausage links Hashbrowns Pancakes	12 Hornet Chicken Bowl Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn Roll Peaches	13 Hot Dog w/bun Cole Slaw Baked Beans Pears	14 Tater Tot Casserole Dinner Roll Peaches
17 Cheeseburger Bun Fries Oranges & Banana	18 Nacho Supreme Refried Beans Applesauce	19 Stuffed Crust Pizza Carrots Pears	20 Sloppy Jo's Green Beans Chips Peaches	21 Flat Bread Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mixed Fruit Treat
24 Lasagna Green Beans Breadstick Banana, Oranges	25 Hamburger w/bun Mashed potatoes Gravy Pineapple	26 Mozz Sticks Marinara sauce Steamed Corn	27 Chicken Nuggets Waffle Fries Baked Beans	28 Crispy Pork Patty w/bun Chips Carrots
31 Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Buttery Corn Applesauce				

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Each lunch must include 1/2 cup fruit or vegetables



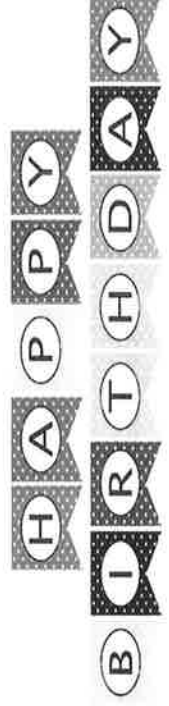
# January Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2.	3. 4. <b>HSGB vs Viroqua</b> 6:00 PM HSBB @ Lancaster 6:00 PM	5. 6. <b>MSGB vs Kickapoo</b> 5:00 PM <b>HSGB vs Kickapoo</b> 6:00 PM	7. <b>HSBB vs Kickapoo</b> 6:00 PM	8. <b>HSGB vs Hillsboro</b> 1:00 PM		
9.	10. <b>MSGB @ Riverdale</b> 4:00 PM <b>HSBB @ Highland</b> 6:00 PM	11. <b>HSGB vs Weston</b> 7:15 PM (Varsity only) <b>5th grade GB vs River Ridge</b> 5:30 PM	12. 13. <b>MSGB vs Fenimore</b> 5:00 PM <b>HSBB @ Seneca</b> 6:00 PM	14. <b>HSGB @ Seneca</b> 7:00 PM (Varsity only)	15. <b>HSBB vs Potosi</b> 1:00 PM	
16.	17. 18. <b>Finals</b> <b>MSGB @ River Ridge</b> 4:30 PM <b>HSGB @ River Ridge</b> 6:00 PM <b>HSBB vs Desoto</b> 6:00 PM	19. <b>Finals</b>	20. <b>End of 2nd quarter/Semester 1</b> <b>HSGB @ LaFarge</b> 6:00 PM	21. <b>Early Release</b> 1:30 PM <b>Teacher In-Service</b> <b>HSBB @ LaFarge</b> 6:00 PM	22.	
23.	24. <b>MSGB vs Ithaca</b> 5:00 PM <b>HSBB @ Ithaca</b> 6:00 PM	25. <b>HSGB @ Desoto</b> 6:00 PM	26.	27. <b>MSGB vs LaFarge</b> 6:00 PM	28. <b>Varsity Boys 6:00 PM and Varsity Girls 7:15 PM</b> <b>Hornet's Nest vs Ithaca</b> <b>JV Boys 7:15 PM and JV Girls 6:00 PM Doll Gym vs Ithaca</b>	29.
30.	31. <b>MSGB vs Seneca</b> 6:00 PM					



# WAUZEEKA-STEUBEN'S JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1.
2.	3. Austyn V.	4.	5.	6.	7. Jordan	8.
9. Landen C.	10. Molli	11. Joshua Kendall Michaela	12. Arabella Paisley	13.	14. Piper	15.
16.	17. Garrison	18. Christina	19.	20.	21.	22.
23. Brooke Natalie W.	24. Satine	25. Seth	26.	27. Mackenzie M.	28.	29. Isabel
30.	31.					



# Community News & Activities

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## MINUTES OF WAUZEKA TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 6, 2021

The regular monthly meeting for the Town of Wauzeka was called to order at 6:44pm on Monday, December 6, 2021 in the Town Meeting Room by Chairman Tom Jazdzewski.

Verification was made that the meeting was properly posted at the Town Meeting Room, Bush Hollow Road, Horseshoe Tavern, Oak Lane, and on WPRE Radio Station.

Roll Call was taken with all members being present.

Dennis Nagel made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Mike McGuire. Motion Carried.

Mike McGuire made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Dennis Nagel. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mike McGuire to approve the monthly bills, seconded by Dennis Nagel. Motion Carried.

Roads: Discussed LRIP Project.

Town Budget: Mike McGuire made a motion to approve the 2022 Budget for the Town of Wauzeka, seconded by Dennis Nagel. Motion Carried.

Poll Workers: Tom Jazdzewski made a motion to appoint the following for Election Poll Workers for 2022 & 2023: Carol Mullikin, Judith Pomerening, Joyce Macke, Christine Cooley, Sue Rider, & Joan Peloch. Mike McGuire seconded it. Motion Carried.

Inspector Contract: A motion was made by Dennis Nagel to accept Brad Smrcina for Uniform Dwelling Code Building Inspector for the Town of Wauzeka for a 2 year contract from 1/1/22-1/1/24. Mike McGuire seconded it. Motion Carried.

Building Permits: No Building Permits

Public Comments: No Public Comments

A motion was made by Tom Jazdzewski to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm, seconded by Dennis Nagel. Motion Carried.

Shawna L. Walz  
Wauzeka Town Clerk

**VILLAGE OF WAUZEKA 2022 BUDGET HEARING**

December 6, 2021

The 2022 Budget Hearing was called to order by President Gary Gundlach at 6:15 pm. The budget changes were discussed. A motion was made by Larry Zeeh and seconded by Tom Mullikin to close the hearing at 6:30 pm. Motion carried.

Phyllis Groom, Village Clerk

**VILLAGE OF WAUZEKA BOARD MEETING**

December 6, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Gundlach at 6:30 pm. Verification of proper posting was given and roll call was taken with all members present. A motion was made by Larry Zeeh and seconded by Tom Mullikin to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021 regular board meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Larry Zeeh and seconded by Travis Lomas to approve Payment Request #4 in the amount of \$85,085.80 from Rule Construction for work completed to date on the Stormwater Improvement Project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill Kapinus and seconded by Tom Mullikin to approve Payment Request #2 in the amount of \$115,037.00 from Rule Construction for work completed to date on the Boat Landing Project. Motion carried.

Nick Zeeh gave the waterworks report.

A motion was made by Larry Zeeh and seconded by Randy Mara to approve the 2022 Budget as proposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ryan Bunders and seconded by Tom Mullikin to approve an operator's license for Morgan Hurda. Motion carried.

The yearend meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 29 at 6:30 pm.

The 2022 Caucus will be held on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Larry Zeeh and seconded by Tom Mullikin to pay the bills as approved by the finance committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom Mullikin and seconded by Travis Lomas to adjourn at 7:32 pm. Motion carried.

Phyllis Groom Village Clerk

# District News & Information

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School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, in accordance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and other Federal and State regulations, hereby declares that it is committed to the principle of equal education and employment opportunity and, accordingly, does not discriminate as to sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability. Any inquiries or complaints alleging non-compliance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 or other Federal and State civil rights or nondiscrimination regulations shall be referred to District Administrator Mr. David Alexander at the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, 301 E. Main St., Wauzeka, WI 53826, (e-mail) alexadav@wauzeka.k12.wi.us (call) 608-875-5311 ext. 214 and/or Jamie Nutter, Title IX Coordinator of the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, at Cooperative Educational Service Agency #3, 1300 Industrial Drive, Fennimore, WI 53809, (call) 1-608-822-2148 (e-mail) jnutter@cesa3.org.

**Note:** All career and technical education opportunities will be offered on a nondiscriminatory basis (without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, etc.) All students in qualifying grades are eligible for enrollment. For further information please contact District Principal Tiffany Dums (608)875-5311 ext. 211 or dumstiff@wauzeka.k12.wi.us.

## Wauzeka Angels Fitness Center

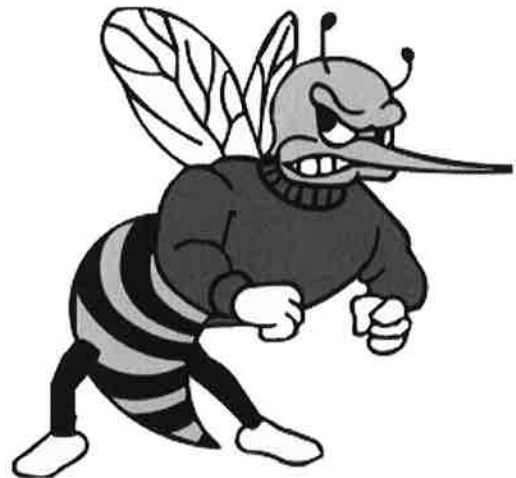
### Monthly Rates

\$10 per adult W-S School District/Non District Resident plus \$10 for key fob

### Annual Membership Rate

\$100 per adult W-S School District/Non District Resident plus \$10 for key fob

\*Rates are to cover maintenance and supervision expenses.



## Substitutes Needed

State law has recently changed allowing more flexibility on the requirements people need to be a substitute teacher or support staff. If you are interested in being a substitute please contact District Administrator Dave Alexander via email: alexadav@wauzeka.k12.wi.us or by phone (608)875-5311 ext. 214.

Substitutes needed:

- Food Service
- Bus Drivers
- Para professionals



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Send community events that you would like to be included in the newspaper to:  
Alissa Mullikin at [mulliali@wauzeka.k12.wi.us](mailto:mulliali@wauzeka.k12.wi.us)  
Or drop off any information in the district office.  
Next Submission Date: **January 14**

Steuben, WI 54657

*The Wauzeka-Steuben School District is utilizing a community-wide Resource Officer. Officer Liz Volten of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department will be available to the District during regular District hours. Officer Volten will also be available to the community and homeschooled families of the District on Wednesdays at the BP gas station from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Officer Volten can be reached via email at [evolten@crowfordcountywi.org](mailto:evolten@crowfordcountywi.org) or via phone at 608-412-5184. In case of an emergency, please call 911.*



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