

# Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz

301 E Main St. Wauzeka, WI 53826

March 2023

OPEN ENROLLMENT \* February 6th - April 28th, 2023

## Wauzeka-Steuben School District

To schedule a visit or to have questions answered, please contact Crystal at 608-875-5311, ext. 243.

### Statistics

Teaching Staff:	27
Support Staff:	25
Administration:	3
Student Populations:	
4K-5:	117
6-8:	60
9-12:	75
<b>Total Students:</b>	<b>252</b>

### Recent Achievements

**2021-2022 School Report Card \*4 star school\***  
*Exceeding Expectations*  
*Best among conference schools and also top among 32 CESA 3 school districts.*

2021-2022 WISE Financial Literacy Platinum Star School  
 Many recent conference championships in athletics and State and National Qualifiers in Organizations.

### Academics

CollEdge Up classes paid for by the school district

A variety of AP classes

Youth Apprenticeship options

Independent study options

### Co-Curricular Activities:

\* Athletics offered: Dance Team, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Softball, Baseball, Track & Field

\* Many CTE clubs annually performing at State competitions including FCCLA, FFA, DECA, Science Club, HOSA, and SKILLSUSA.

\* Band and Choir at the middle and high school levels.

\* Forensics for Middle and High School.

\* Math Team for Middle and High School.

**\*IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD\***



Comprehensive Special Education Services

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support)

RII (Response to Intervention)

Annual Senior Class Trips - California/Florida/New York

Annual Freshman trip to Washington D.C.

International Trips bi-annually

Wauzeka-Steuben is a PK-12 School District located in the beautiful Kickapoo and Wisconsin River valleys.

### After School Options and programs

Wauzeka-Steuben offers an after school enrichment program for all students in grades PK-12 Monday-Friday until 5:00 PM.

Additional Club offerings:

Ski Club

Fishing Club

Stingers Basketball program

Youth Wrestling

Tutoring Program

Summer School Remediation

Summer School Enrichment



Interim District Administrator-Dr. Gary Albrecht  
Nikki Asleson-President Jessie Bird-Vice President

Board of Education  
Tom Martin-Clerk

District Principal-Mrs. Tiffany Dums  
Mara Hird-Treasurer Ken Buck-Member

# In the Building & Classroom

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## PBIS ASSEMBLY



The Behavior Buddy for the month of January was the Respectful Rhind! Students earned certificates for showing the characteristics for the month up next is the Kind Koald!

## Students of the Month January 2023



Benelli Haas (Kindergarten), daughter of Brad Haas and Kasara Stephenson. Benelli has really been working hard in the classroom on her work. She is very polite and respectful to others in and outside of the classroom. She follows directions very well and has a good attitude at school.



Ella McCullick (First Grade), daughter of Emily McCullick. Ella is a very respectful, kind, and responsible student. She is a great participant during lessons and activities, isn't afraid to ask for help, and is always willing to lend a helping hand to her classmates and Mrs. Okey. Ella works hard, always shows her neatest and best work, and takes great pride in her work.



Maverick Hird (2nd Grade), son of Terry and Mara Hird. Maverick has been having a great year in second grade. He is a responsible student who always makes sure his work is complete. He is kind and respectful to teachers and peers. Maverick is eager to learn. Maverick's determination and work ethic have helped him achieve great things inside and outside of the classroom.



Hudson Bunders (3rd Grade), son of Ryan and Misty Bunders. Hudson has had a wonderful school year thus far. He is a model student that always does what is expected of him. Even though he is rather quiet and demonstrates leadership through his actions rather than using words, he is a very positive individual that is always eager and ready to learn. He always follows the PBIS expectations where he is safe, responsible, and respectful which sets a very nice example for all. Hudson is always giving his best effort by giving 100% in everything that he does and is always pushing himself to be the best student he can be. He is also a great friend to all and treats everyone with utmost respect.



Natalie Wojciechowski (4th Grade), daughter of Lucas Wojciechowski and Elizabeth Ramos. Natalie is a kind and generous student that's always willing to help out her classmates. Her participation within the class shows her engagement with the material and her motivation to learn more. She's always building other students up, pushing them to their full potential.



Brynnlee Benoy (8th Grade), daughter of Chris Benoy and Kelly Strickfaden. Brynnlee shows up each day with a smile and a positive attitude. She gives her full effort in any task she's given, and she does so without complaint. Brynnlee is consistently helpful to her peers and respectful to everyone around her.

Olivia Colson (8th Grade), daughter of BJ and Carrie Colson. Olivia is consistently organized and shows up each day ready to learn and work hard. She exemplifies what it means to be a good classmate, as she is respectful and kind to those around her. Her sweet personality is what makes her a positive addition to any classroom.

Alex Manning (11th Grade), son of Donnie and Angie Manning. Alex is respectful and hardworking. He puts forth a genuine effort and continues to challenge himself academically.

Kylie Anderson (12th Grade), daughter of Steven Anderson and Becky Swiggum. Kylie is always giving 110%. She goes above and beyond and is always trying to improve. She is also kind to her peers. Kylie is always striving to do her best.

## 2022 - 2023 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester Honor Roll

### HS 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

#### Cum Laude

3.5 - 3.749

Caydon Lomas - 12  
Madison Walz - 12  
Grace Zinkle - 12  
Benjamin Bird - 11  
Andrew Udelhoven - 11  
Ally Wall - 11  
Isabella Bunders - 9  
Natalie Wright - 9

### HS 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

#### Magna Cum Laude 3.75 - 3.899

Trent Gillitzer - 12  
Michaela Langdon - 12  
Carson Redman - 12  
Madison Evans - 10  
Elizabeth Wright - 10  
Macy Mitchell - 9  
Emma Steinhorst - 9

### HS 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

#### Summa Cum Laude

3.9 - 4.0

Kylie Anderson - 12  
Emerson Baka - 12  
Seth Bunders - 12  
Lily Mitchell - 12  
Desirae Mormann - 12  
Cameron Hurda - 11  
Alexander Manning - 11  
Cohen Redman - 11  
Trisha Gillitzer - 10  
Zoey Jelinek - 10  
Kiley Manning - 10  
Brooke Mitchell - 10  
Emma Wall - 10  
Molli Hooker - 9

Cooper Lomas - 9

### HS Semester I Honor Roll Cum

#### Laude 3.5 - 3.749

Michaela Langdon - 12  
Caydon Lomas - 12  
Melanie Mullikin - 12  
Grace Zinkle - 12  
Tate Gillitzer - 11  
Andrew Udelhoven - 11  
Ally Wall - 11  
Brett Wagner - 10  
Elizabeth Wright - 10  
Isabella Bunders - 9  
Addison Mara - 9  
Natalie Wright - 9

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Seth Bunders - 12  
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Desirae Mormann - 12  
Carson Redman - 12  
Alexander Manning - 11  
Cohen Redman - 11  
Madison Evans - 10

Trisha Gillitzer - 10

Zoey Jelinek - 10  
Kiley Manning - 10  
Brooke Mitchell - 10  
Emma Wall - 10  
Molli Hooker - 9  
Cooper Lomas - 9

### MS 2nd Quarter Cum Laude

3.5 - 3.749

Mallory McCullick - 8  
Bentley Dums - 7  
Ali Jelinek - 7  
Alayna Martin - 7  
Joshua Martin - 7  
Hayley Mitchell - 7  
Elyse Sims - 7  
Hailey Martin - 6  
Kendra Mitchell - 6  
Ruger Wall - 6  
Matthew Zinkle - 6

### MS 2nd Quarter Magna Cum

Laude 3.75 - 3.899

Bailey Otte - 8  
Alexa Martin - 7  
Tess Pitzer - 6  
Abigail Wright - 6

### MS 2nd Quarter Summa Cum

Laude 3.9 - 4.0

Olivia Colson - 8  
Avery Kilburg - 8  
Violet Mitchell - 8  
Jazzmine Walters - 8  
Oaklyn Kilburg - 6



# Seniors At Wauzeka-Steuben High School Prepare for "Reality Check 2023" event on April 19<sup>th</sup>

The Senior Class of 2023 will be joining area schools for the annual financial simulation activity called REALITY CHECK. REALITY CHECK will be held on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Prairie du Chien High School. Senior students from area school districts of Boscobel, Prairie du Chien, Cassville, Seneca, Wauzeka-Steuben, Clayton Ridge, and Central Community will be participating.

The day will consist of students taking their chosen careers and being given random, realistic scenarios. Students may be single or married or divorced; have one child or multiple; one income or two. They will have to maintain a budget while paying all of the monthly expenses such as housing, car expenses, daycare, utility costs, student loans, investments, clothing, and food expenses among others. There will also be "unexpected" expenses such as a new baby, speeding tickets, and others.

Students will be reviewing check writing policies, use of debit and credit cards, investment policies, insurance needs, taxes, and more in order to prepare for this activity. Many students have commented on how this activity is an eye-opener regarding the realities of living on their own.

Many businesses, organizations, and volunteers will work together to help the students from the Class of 2023 understand what life will be like when they have to live on their own. One of the most rewarding parts of this activity is the interaction between the young adults and the business and community members. The volunteers come from a variety of businesses including local industry, banks, retail stores, insurance agencies, credit unions, financial investment firms, auto dealers, real estate agents, city and county government, law enforcement, and many others.

The last time this was held (pre-COVID), the project was approximately \$8,000 for seven schools to participate. The Reality Check Committee has been working on receiving grant money to offset the cost of transportation, materials, postage, and meals (students and volunteers) for this project.

We would really appreciate any donations if you would like to donate. Please reach out to Alissa Mullikin at 608-875-5311 ext. 268 or email at [mulliali@wauzekak12.wi.us](mailto:mulliali@wauzekak12.wi.us). Thanks for your consideration!

The Reality Check Team and Students

# Organizations, Athletics, & Achievements

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## SKILLSUSA NEWS

On January 27th, SkillsUSA had their second competition at UW-Platteville. There were a total of 13 medals earned. In middle school, Elyse Sims and Abigail Wright placed 3rd in Team Engineering. Noel Darragh placed 2nd and Oaklyn Kilburg placed 1st in 3-D Printing and Design. Jordy Huber placed 3rd in CO<sub>2</sub> Dragster. For high school, Jonah Klema, Tate Gillitzer, and Ben Bird placed 2nd and Blake Mitchell, Cohen Redman, and Nick Watz placed 1st in Team Engineering. Logun Bunders placed 2nd in CO<sub>2</sub> Dragster.



## ACCOUNTING TRIP

The accounting class spent a couple days in Milwaukee January 25th-26th. Thanks to the Accounting Awareness Grant which gives students a chance to see the different careers accountants can do, they first toured Craft Beverage Warehouse, went to Stich LLP, and Reilly, Penner, and Benton LLP. The students witnessed the many different things accountants do on a day to day basis and it was very informative. All the places were super inviting! Of course they had to have some fun as well and we attended a Bucks game and even made the Jumbotron!



## GET YOUR GIRL SCOUT COOKIES!!!

Wauzeka Girl Scout Troop 7050 will be selling their delicious cookies starting March 4, 2023. This includes everyone favorites Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, and the recently added Adventurefuls. The girls will even have an option for you to order the new Raspberry Rally online. This girl led troop decides on donations and this year part of the proceeds will be donated to our own school library. Stop by one of our upcoming booths to support your local troop and library.

We will be setting up a booth at the school parking lot on March 9th and 16th from 3:15-5:15 PM. If you can't make it or want to order cookies online for girl delivery, preorder for booth pickup, or shipped from the council, please email [ciadobson@gmail.com](mailto:ciadobson@gmail.com) for the troop's cookie link.





## Wauzeka-Steuben Ski Club

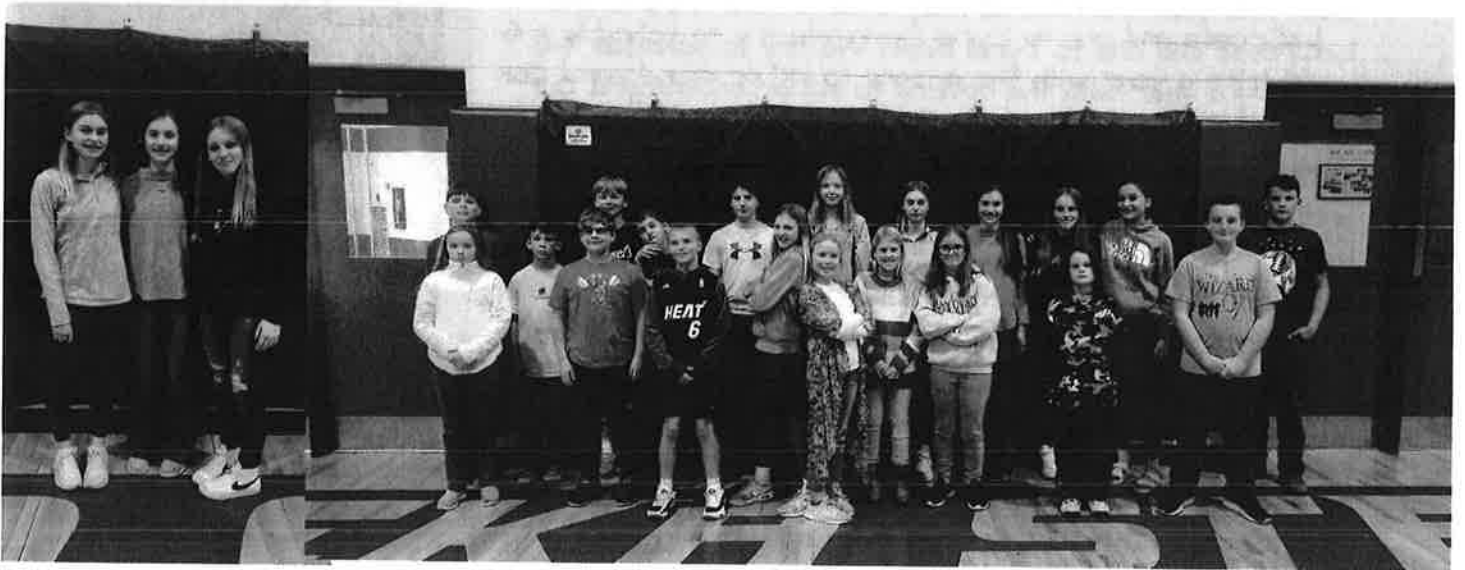


This has been the 8th year for Mr. Gillitzer and the W-S Ski Club. This year we have already made a few trips to Mt. LaCrosse and one to Tyrol Basin. We try to schedule 4-6 ski trips a year with the options to ski or snowboard. Our scheduled days are usually Fridays or the end of the school week and try to keep the days limited to days where there are no home sporting events scheduled. The Ski Club on average hosts about 25 annual student members (open for grades 5-12) skiing one or more times a year and our per trip sizes range from 8 up to 25 students in the past. All new skiers/snowboarders have to go through a lesson on skiing/snowboarding with Mr. Gillitzer before they are released to the hills. These lessons start with basics from harnessing their skis/board, walking, skiing, stopping, turning, getting on-and-off a ski lift, etc... We require a few chaperones per trip that help with lessons, drive a van, or just to be there for the kids. Chaperones in the past have been teachers and parents and any parent that wants to come along to ski snowboard, and/or help is welcome. This year Ms. Bailey Hermenson and Mrs. Rachel Huber have been our chaperones so far this season. We have at least one more scheduled trip Friday Feb. 17th. with any other to be scheduled upon favorable weather.



# Wauzeka-Steuben Spelling Bee

A group of 20 middle school students took part in the annual spelling bee on January 11th. Out of those 20 only 3 moved on and two of them will be a runner-up. The three winning contestants were Avery Kilburg in 3rd place, Brianna Ray in 2nd place and the winner was Violet Mitchell. Violet and Brianna moved on to the Regional spelling bee which took place at Southwest Tech and was hosted by Cesa 3. Brianna did exceptionally well at that spelling bee by placing 9th out of 50 participants. Congratulations to all girls!



# FISHING CLUB

The Wauzeka-Steuben Fishing Club has been to three tournaments over the winter. The first one was a 200' tournament and you could fish anywhere you wanted to. The 200' tournament is where a team has to catch 200' of fish and it can be a mixed bag which means you can catch any type of fish you want. The fish just has to be over 6". The club went to Lansing which is above Ferryville, and caught 189.5" of fish and just needed 10.5 more inches to reach 200". Any teams that could catch 200" of fish were also added to a pot and if your club's name was drawn, then your club would win a variety of different ice fishing items



The second tournament the club went to was the tag team tournament. This tournament was where two teams from different parts of Wisconsin would be paired up and work together to catch the biggest fish in a few different categories. The Wauzeka-Steuben club was paired with Amherst, which is Northeast of Wauzeka, about 3 hours away. Combined the two clubs had about 150'.



The third tournament the club competed in was the Ridge and Valley tournament. They traveled to Blackhawk Lake by Highland where they went for the last tournament and they came



through with the win and brought the plaque back and became back to back conference champs.



Throughout the season they have been getting many donations from other businesses and people with lots of gear. Their bait donations and many other donated items like rods, reels, tip-ups, augers, shantys, sleds, jigs, and many other things they are very appreciative for. Thanks to all!



A few weeks ago, some of the team decided they wanted club clothes as well. They finally decided on a few designs and are very happy with how they turned out.



They have an upcoming WIFA State Ice Fishing Tournament they are attending on Friday and Saturday the 17th and 18th of February. They are very excited because they went last year and it wasn't the turn out they were looking for. So they are hoping for a different turn out this year.



# MARCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1.	2. HSGB - Sectionals	3. HSBB - Regionals	4. HSBB - Regionals HSGB - Sectionals
5. Hornets Nest Open Gym SB/BB 5-7	6. Track - 1st practice	7. ACT Exam	8. 4K Screening	9. HSBB - Sectionals  HSGB - State	10.	11. HSBB Sectionals
12. Hornets Nest Open Gym SB/BB 5-7	13. SB - 1st Practice	14. FFA Donkey Basketball Doll Gym - 7:00 PM	15.	16. HSBB - State	17.	18.
19. Hornets Nest Open Gym SB/BB 5-7	20. BB - 1st Practice	21. End of 3rd Quarter ACT Exam Makeup	22.  <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Teacher In-Service	23.  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	24.  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	25.
26. Hornets Nest Open Gym SB/BB 5-7	27. SB @ Highland 5:00 PM	28. SB & BB @ River Ridge 4:30 PM  HSTK @ River Ridge 4:15 PM	29.	30. SB @ N.Crawford 5:00 PM	31.	



BREAKFAST

# MARCH 2023

Wauzeka Steuben School District

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>6 Pancake &amp; Sausage Links PBJ</p>	<p>7 Sausage gravy w/biscuits or Hashbrown</p>	<p>1 Hornet Sandwich Yogurt</p>	<p>2 Scrambled Eggs w/biscuit PBJ</p>	<p>3 WG Donut Yogurt</p>
<p>13 Country Breakfast Bowl PBJ</p>	<p>14 Combo Bar or Hashbrown w/cheese</p>	<p>8 Choice of School made muffins</p>	<p>9 Cinnamon French Toast Sticks Choice of syrup</p>	<p>10 Frosted Long Johns</p>
<p>20 Choc-Chip Muffin Tops</p>	<p>21 Yogurt Parfaits</p>	<p>15 Grilled egg &amp; cheese sandwich</p>	<p>16 Breakfast Pizza PBJ</p>	<p>17 Freshly Baked Cinnamon Rolls</p>
<p>27 Biscuits &amp; Gravy</p>	<p>28 Waffles &amp; Sausage Patty</p>	<p>No School</p>	<p>No School</p>	<p>No School</p>
<p>29 Pancake wrap</p>	<p>Omelet</p>	<p>No School</p>	<p>No School</p>	<p>No School</p>
<p>31 Breakfast</p>	<p>Pancake wrap</p>	<p>School made Banana chip Muffins</p>	<p>School made Banana chip Muffins</p>	<p>Breakfast</p>

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Menu is subject to change

LUNCH

MARCH 2023

Wauzeka Steuben School District

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

6  
Cheeseburger  
w/bun  
Potatoes  
Green Beans

7  
Pancakes  
Bacon  
Hashbrown  
w/cheese

13  
Hornet  
Chicken Bowl  
Biscuit  
Banana

14  
Spaghetti  
Meat sauce  
Garlic bread  
Peaches

20  
BBQ  
Potato Wedges  
Green Beans  
Peaches

21  
Rib Patty  
w/bun  
Sun Chips  
Applesauce Cup

27  
Mock Swiss  
Steak  
Mashed Potato  
Steamed corn

28  
Orange Chicker  
Stir fry vegetables  
Rice  
Applesauce

1  
Chicken Patty  
w/bun  
Buttered Noodles  
Peas, Peaches

2  
Homemade  
Mac & cheese  
Hotdog w/bun  
Applesauce

3  
School made  
Pizza  
Steamed corn  
Pears

8  
Pizzaburger  
Seasoned wedges  
Carrots  
Peaches

9  
Shredded Beef  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn  
Strawberries

10  
School made  
Quesadilla  
Chips w/salsa  
Mixed fruit

15  
Taco  
Chips or shell  
Buttery corn  
Applesauce

16  
Hot dog  
Cheddar dog  
Baked Beans  
Pears

17  
Fish sticks  
Potato  
Coleslaw  
Treat

22  
No  
School

23  
No  
School

24  
No  
School

29  
Lasagna  
Breadstick  
Carrots  
Pears

30  
Scalloped Potat  
w/ham  
Homemade Bread  
Strawberries

31  
School made  
Pizza  
Green beans  
Peaches

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# 2023-2024 Full-Time Open Enrollment Regular Application Period for Wisconsin Public Schools

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### YOU MAY APPLY FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT FROM FEBRUARY 6 – APRIL 28, 2023.

#### What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts if the pupil wishes to attend a brick and mortar school. There are no limitations to the number of open enrollment applications that can be submitted to a virtual charter school.

#### How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment regular application period for the 2023-24 school year is from February 6-April 28, 2023. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

#### Can I apply to a virtual charter school under open enrollment?

A pupil may only open enroll to an online/virtual school if: (1) the school has been created as a virtual charter school that meets the requirements of the charter school law [Wis. Stats. 118.40 (8)] or (2) the pupil is required to physically attend school on a regular basis in a school located in the nonresident school district on the days that school is in session. Other important things to know about applying to virtual charter schools:

- A virtual charter school is not homeschooling. Pupils attending virtual charter schools are public school pupils.
- You must know the nonresident school district in which the virtual charter school is located.
- You must know your resident school district to apply.
- A list of virtual charter schools may be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/charter-schools/virtual-charter-schools>.

#### Can parents appeal if an application is denied?

Parents whose applications are denied may appeal to the DPI within 30 days of the denial. State law requires the DPI to uphold the school district's decision unless DPI finds that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable. The DPI's decision may be appealed to circuit court.

#### Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

#### Can an application be rejected?

Nonresident school districts may deny an application if regular or special education space is not available for the pupil; special education or related services are not available; or if the pupil has been referred for a special education evaluation but has not yet been evaluated. Nonresident school districts may also deny an application if the pupil has been expelled during the current or preceding two years for certain violent conduct or if the pupil was habitually truant from the nonresident school district during any semester in the current or previous school year.

If there are more applications than spaces, pupils must be selected randomly, after giving preference to pupils already attending school in the nonresident school district and siblings of currently-attending pupils.

Some school districts establish waiting lists to fill unused spaces, but others do not.

#### Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?

A resident district can deny a pupil's application for an invalid application (early or late application or missing information), ineligibility due to age (too young or too old), or if the resident district does not offer the same type of prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten, or early childhood program as the nonresident district or the pupil is not eligible for the program in the resident district. These are also reasons that a nonresident district can deny an application.

#### Must pupils reapply every year?

Once a pupil is accepted into a nonresident school district, the pupil may continue to attend that district without reapplication except that:

- The nonresident district may require a pupil to reapply one time—at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.
- A pupil may be returned to the resident school district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or there is no space.
- A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.

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### **Is there a cost for parents to participate in the open enrollment program?**

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled pupils may be charged the same fees as resident pupils.

### **Who is responsible for transportation?**

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

If transportation is required in the IEP for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district.

School districts may provide transportation to open enrollment pupils if they wish. Usually, if transportation is provided, parents must transport the pupil to a location in the nonresident district.

Low-income parents may apply to the DPI at the end of the school year for partial reimbursement of their transportation costs.



### **Can a parent select a specific school in the pupil's nonresident school district?**

Yes. A parent may request a specific school or program in the nonresident district. However, assignment to the requested school or program is not guaranteed and your pupil may be assigned to a different school other than the one requested. It is up to each nonresident district to determine a pupil's school assignment.

### **Can an open enrolled pupil participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?**

Open enrolled pupils have the same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has rules concerning transfer pupils. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

## **IMPORTANT OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES**

### **February 6 – April 28, 2023**

Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

### **June 9, 2023**

Nonresident school districts must send notices of approval or denial via US mail or email. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

### **June 16, 2023**

Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

### **June 30, 2023**

Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2023-24 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.



For more information contact:

Public School Open Enrollment Program  
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction  
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841  
Toll-free: 888-245-2732, option 2  
openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov  
<https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>

2023-24

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, creed, age, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital status or parental status, sexual orientation, or disability and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.





# School District of Wauzeka-Steuben



**Mr. Gary Albrecht**  
*District Administrator*  
Ext. 214

**Mrs. Tiffany Dums**  
*District Principal*  
Ext. 211

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January 16, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Wisconsin students in grades 3 through 11 will be participating in state assessments throughout the months of March and April during the spring testing window.

These assessments will test students in the areas of English-Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Writing. One or more subtests may be administered daily during the identified time frame and it is very important that your son or daughter be in school during this time. Students not in school on the scheduled testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window. Therefore, please try to avoid any morning appointments during the testing window.

Each assessment measures the knowledge and skills your child should have acquired by the time they reach each grade level. Their performance on the assessment will not affect any of their current grades. Please encourage your son or daughter to take the test seriously and do the best they can. The results of these tests will be used to help school staff make determinations of placement in classes to best support your child.

Enclosed is an *Informational Brochure for Families* which gives more information about the assessment(s) your child will take including its purpose, what scores will be provided, and how the scores will be used.

If you have any questions, please contact me at school.

Thank you,

Kevin Kilburg

Director of Special Education/District Assessment Coordinator

# ACT High School Assessments

## 2022-23 Information for Families

### What are the ACT High School Assessments?



ACT, Inc. has provided testing services for more than 50 years. Their assessments have evolved to reflect the nation's view of education to embrace lifelong learning and prepare students to be college and career ready after high school graduation. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) contracted with ACT, Inc. starting with the 2014-15 fiscal year to

### How are the test results used?

All students in grades 9-11 will be given these assessments except for approximately 1% of students with significant cognitive disabilities who will be tested with an alternate assessment. This system of assessments will allow teachers to measure a student's growth throughout high school.

### What type of scores will be provided?

**PreACT Secure** scores are reported on a two-digit scale, 1 to 36, with 35 being the highest score. These scores will predict future ACT scores.

**The ACT® with writing** scores range from 1 to 36 for each of the subtests and one overall score called a composite. Students will also receive a writing score ranging from 2 to 12. Scores can be used by students for college admission, scholarships, course placement,

comprehensively assess Wisconsin high school students:

- 9th and 10th grade students will take the **PreACT Secure** assessment in the spring.
- 11th grade students will take **The ACT® with writing** in the spring.

#### The PreACT Secure

PreACT Secure assesses student readiness in English, Mathematics, Reading and Science.

#### The ACT® with writing

The ACT with writing consists of four multiple-choice tests: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science; and a 40-minute essay test that measures student writing skills.

DPI will also use The ACT® with writing for the high school accountability measure in order to determine the extent to which schools and districts across the state meet proficiency standards.

and NCAA eligibility. Students have the option to send their scores to up to four colleges free of charge, complete a voluntary pre-test survey, and opt-in to having ACT provide their information to colleges, universities, financial aid and scholarship agencies, and organizations that provide educational programs.

Each ACT score will fall in one of four Wisconsin performance levels:

- **Advanced** – Student demonstrates **thorough** understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.
- **Proficient** – Student demonstrates **adequate** understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.
- **Basic** – Student demonstrates **partial** understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.
- **Below Basic** – Student demonstrates **minimal** understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.

## What learning standards do the ACT High School Assessments measure?

ACT and DPI work together to ensure that the ACT assessments measure what students have learned through the Wisconsin Academic Standards. Students taught to the Wisconsin Academic Standards should be well prepared to be successful with the ACT assessments.

The Wisconsin Academic Standards define the knowledge and skills students should take away from their K-12 schooling to be successfully prepared for postsecondary and

career opportunities. The Wisconsin Academic Standards are available at <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>.



## Where can I find sample or practice test questions?

Practice tests and sample test questions are available from ACT. Actual test questions are not released.

- **PreACT Secure:**  
<https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/PreACT/practice-test>
- **The ACT®** with writing practice tests and sample writing prompts:  
<https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/practice-test>

For more information about PreACT Secure visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/PreACT>.

For more information about The ACT visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act>.

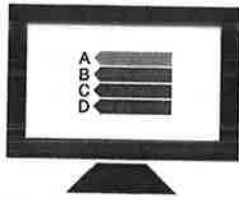
Questions may be directed to the Office of Educational Accountability at [osamail@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:osamail@dpi.wi.gov).

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Pre**ACT**® Secure



# Forward Exam

## 2022-23 Information for Families

### What is the Wisconsin Forward Exam?

The Wisconsin Forward Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready. The Forward Exam is administered online in the spring of each school year for students in:

- grades 3-8 in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics,
- grades 4 and 8 in science, and
- grades 4, 8, and 10 in social studies.

Accommodations and supports for students with disabilities and English learners are built into the system so that the progress of students can be accurately measured.



### What does this mean for my child?

The Forward Exam is a summative assessment that gauges your child's achievement in the content areas tested in relation to grade-level standards. It provides a broad measure of achievement that should be used along with

local measures such as report cards, school-wide assessments, and other information about your child's progress in school.

### When does the Forward Exam take place?

The Forward Exam will be given in schools between March 20 and April 28, 2023. Schools are permitted to select their own testing dates within this window.



The estimated time for test administration in each grade is approximately:

- 130 minutes for ELA,
- 90-115 minutes for mathematics,
- 105 minutes for science, and
- 70 minutes for social studies.

These estimated times are for the purpose of scheduling, as **the Forward Exam is not a timed test**. It is important to note that students may take more time or less time to complete the test based on effort and ability levels.

## What type of scores will be provided?

The Forward Exam is a summative assessment that provides information about what students know and can do in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. Students receive a score based on their performance in each content area. Each score will fall in one of four levels:

**Advanced** – Student demonstrates thorough understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.

**Proficient** – Student demonstrates adequate understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.

**Basic** – Student demonstrates partial understanding of and ability to apply the

knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.

**Below Basic** – Student demonstrates minimal understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.



## Where can I find sample or practice test questions?

The Online Tools Training (OTT) gives students the opportunity to practice using the tools available on the Forward Exam and allows them to familiarize themselves with the question types and testing platform. An Item Sampler is also available which includes a sampling of the type of content and questions students will encounter on the exam. The OTT and Item Samplers are not scored, and do not cover the full range of content on the exam.



The OTT and Item Sampler are intended to provide students with examples of test questions and practice taking an online test.

The Text Dependent Analysis (TDA) Sampler contains samples of TDA test questions, stimulus passages, and student responses at each grade and score point. The TDA sampler helps students prepare for the essay portion of the Forward Exam which requires students to read a passage and then respond to a writing prompt.

These practice tests are available for student use online in the classroom or at home at <http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/sample-items>.

For more information about the Forward Exam contact the Office of Educational Accountability at [osamail@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:osamail@dpi.wi.gov) or visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward>.



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# Wauzeka 1<sup>st</sup> Responders

## Benefit Dance

Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

11AM – 5 PM

Century Hall, Wauzeka, Wi.



*Music by Monty Berger & The  
Country Gold Band  
And*

*The Sounds of Nashville Band*

*Raffles and Silent Auction*

*Admission \$10.00*

*Everyone Welcome*

*Food and Drinks Available*

*For Information cal 608-875-5857*



# Community News & Information

301 E Main St Wauzeka, WI 53826

March 2023

## MINUTES OF WAUZEKA TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 2, 2023

The regular monthly meeting for the Town of Wauzeka was called to order at 6:30pm on Monday, January 2, 2023 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 Dennis Nagel being absent.

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

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

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

Roads: County will be doing some tree removal.

Building Permits: No Building Permits

Public Comments: No Public Comments

A motion was made by Tom Jazdzewski to adjourn the meeting at 6:36pm, seconded by Mike McGuire. Motion Carried.

Shawna L. Walz

Wauzeka Town Clerk

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## MINUTES OF WAUZEKA TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 6, 2023

The regular monthly meeting for the Town of Wauzeka was called to order at 6:30pm on Monday, February 6, 2023 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 Dennis Nagel being Absent.

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

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

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

Fire Truck Discussion: Nick Zeeh, Todd Russell, & Brady Krachey, from the Wauzeka Fire Department, gave information on a new fire truck the Wauzeka Fire Department is purchasing. They received a grant, but are still needing to come up with approximately \$125,000. They are asking for financial assistance from the town and village to reach the financial goal for the new truck. The 2024 Town of Wauzeka Budget does have \$25,000 budgeted for a new truck.

Tom Jazdzewski made a motion to approve the purchase of the Midwest Fire Truck by the Wauzeka Fire Department.

Mike McGuire Seconded it. Motion Carried.

Roads: No Road news

Building Permits: No Building Permits

Public Comments: There have been some issues with the recycling center. Recycled items CAN NOT be in bags or tied/bound together. They need to be removed from the bags and unbound before being placed in the recycling dumpster.

Microwaves/TVs/other appliances can not be left at the recycling center. Please be considerate of the rules, to keep our garbage costs down.

A motion was made by Tom Jazdzewski to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm, seconded by Mike McGuire. Motion Carried.

Shawna L. Walz

Wauzeka Town Clerk

# Some Hornet Buzz Fun & Information

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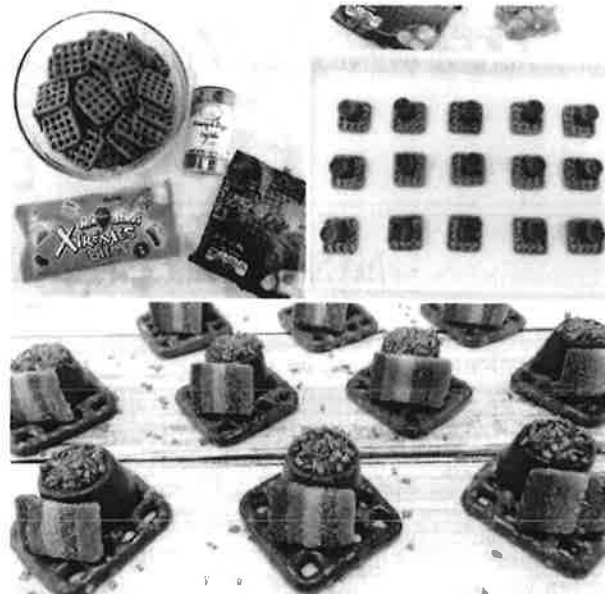
March 2023

## St Patrick's Day Treats

*A perfect St Patrick's day treat for friends, family, and Leprechauns*

### Ingredients-

- 30 Pretzel Square shape is best
- 30 Rolos
- 10 Air head rainbow colored



### Instructions-

1. Lay pretzels on a baking sheet with 1 Rolo on top of each one.
2. Preheat oven to 350 and set inside for just one minute so the outside melts just a bit so you can cut the air head piece that has been cut into thirds over the top and have the sides stick
3. Allow to cool so they stick, enjoy
4. Or for no bake just set Rolo on top of each one and fill the top with gold sprinkles. Slice rainbow airheads candies into 1" pieces and set one in front of each chocolate caramel candy.



# District Information

301 E Main St Wauzeka. WI 53826

March 2023

School District of Wauzeka-Stauben, 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 Dr. Gary Albrecht at the School District of Wauzeka-Stauben, 301 E. Main St., Wauzeka, WI 53826, (e-mail) [albregar@wauzeka.k12.wi.us](mailto:albregar@wauzeka.k12.wi.us) (call) 608-875-5311 ext. 214 and/or Jamie Nutter, Title IX Coordinator of the School District of Wauzeka-Stauben, at Cooperative Educational Service Agency #3, 1300 Industrial Drive, Fennimore, WI 53809, (call) 1-608-822-2148 (e-mail) [jnutter@cesa3.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 Dr. Gary Albrecht via email: [albregar@wauzeka.k12.wi.us](mailto:albregar@wauzeka.k12.wi.us) or by phone (608)875-5311 ext. 214.

Substitutes needed:

- Food Service
- Bus Drivers
- Para professionals
- Custodians



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### **Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz**

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: **March 14th**

Wauzeka, WI 53826

*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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