



WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS CLIP FOR FEBRUARY 2025



**All homework is located on Canvas
Please email teachers using their first name.last name@k12.sd.us**

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
February 20, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
This conference will be in students' individual classroom**



TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES... Parents and guardians who have a change in work or home telephone numbers should immediately inform the school. If an emergency should arise during school hours, current telephone numbers are very important. Thank you for your consideration.



WMS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT @ ELKS MOVIE THEATRE...

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH - "TWISTER" WILL BE THE FEATURE MOVIE!!! Doors open at 5:45, movie starts at 6:15.

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

Children dropped off without supervision will NOT BE ALLOWED into the movie theatre. THE MOVIE WILL BE **FREE!!! ANY PURCHASE FROM THE CONCESSION STAND WILL BE AT YOUR COST.**

*Student drop-off...please remember in the morning before school, students are to be dropped off in the parking lot of the new gym and may enter the cafeteria through the back of the building. **Please do not drop off your students in the back of the building or at any cross walks.** There is a teacher on cafeteria duty at 7:30AM. If your student has a note to visit a teacher before school, they must also enter through the cafeteria or the long glass hallway at 7:30AM*

Parents of 7th grade girls,

On Tuesday, March 11th, all 7th grade female students will be attending a full day of hands-on fun and learning about careers in Science at SDSM&T. Students will be bussed to and from the event and accompanied by WMS staff. The event is free and an exciting experience each year! More information will be provided as the event get closer.

*****STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL NIGHT FOR UPCOMING FRESHMAN (8TH GRADERS) WILL BE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH AT 6:00PM IN THE STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE*****

**LOST AND FOUND ITEMS ARE NUMEROUS ~
PLEASE REMIND YOUR STUDENTS TO CHECK THE
OFFICE AND CUSTODIAL AREAS IF THEY HAVE
LOST AN ITEM**

According to the SD Dept of Health, there has been an increase in pertussis (whooping cough) cases across the state. Please take this time to familiarize yourself with the signs and symptoms and some guidance for how to protect your family.

<https://doh.sd.gov/diseases/pertussis-whooping-cough/>
<https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/index.html>



ART NEWS.....

2024-2025 Railroad Art Project... The art department at West is happy to announce that we will be participating in the 2024-2025 Railroad Ledger Art Project again this year. This project is sponsored by the South Dakota State Railroad Museum in Hill City, SD. Mrs. Penfield has 10 remaining historic guide pages from the 1940's. These pages originated from the railroad's official guide magazines. On a first come, first served basis, students will sign up to receive the historic canvas page to complete railroad related art upon along with a permission slip. The two completed pieces will then need to be returned to Mrs. Penfield in room 130 by Friday, April 4th, 2025. Any art media can be used, and you do not have to be enrolled in art class at West to participate. Thank you for your attention to this great opportunity. Mrs. Penfield

The Middle School Art Show, celebrating "Youth Arts Month", will be displayed in the Bruce H. Lien Cultural Café and Gallery at the Dahl Arts Center from March 6th -28th, 2025. The following students have artwork on display in this year's show. Feel free to come see their fantastic display of artwork!

The following students will have their art on display: Kethry Burton, Lucy Clark, Ashly Hauck, Brody Kalahar, Lexi Marshall, Alora Ogden, Dalton Porisch, Kaitlyn Steinmetz, Avery Vetch, Oakley Weich, Saena Antuna, Cedar Gab, Zoe Gastin, Josiah Little Thunder, Logan Moul, Nina Mulvey, Kasper Red Leaf, Leah Schroeder, Zoe Zimmerman, and Sylvan Reuter.

The artist's reception is March 6th from 5-7 pm in the Bruce H. Lien Cultural Café and Gallery in the Dahl Arts Center. You will want to enter the Kansas City Street entrance. The artists and their families will receive an invitation to attend this reception. Please visit with Mrs. Penfield in room 130 if you have any questions. The public is invited to view the artwork from March 6-28. I hope to see you there! Congratulation art students! Mrs. Penfield

The AMP Visual and Performance Art Showcase is quickly approaching! This free event sponsored by Lifeways will be held Saturday, March 29th from 5-8 pm. For any students that would like to choose a visual art piece from the virtual gallery to "perform" to please visit the following link and pick up a up a performance application and liability/media waiver from Mr. Nick Wiest or Mrs. Penfield. (www.lifeways.us/virtual-gallery.html) The performance application/waiver is due March 14th. The event will be taking place at the Dahl Arts Center (713 7th Street in downtown Rapid City). The following students from West have visual artwork that will be a part of the show. Please join us in celebrating the creativity from West!

Kethry Burton, Madison Graybill, Ashly Hauck, Chloe Huckabee, Brody Kalahar, Vivi Kniss, Kaitlyn Steinmetz, Mini Tamhla, Brody Aker, Olivia Atchison, Jerry Borton, Echo Foote, Anna Hawkes, Lilli Larson, Maks Mullin, Alivia Pochop, Kasper Red Leaf, Brooklynn Webb, and Paxton Whitehead, Mr. Nick Wiest (Lifeways) and Mrs. Penfield (Art Room 130)

Congratulations

STUDENT OF THE MONTH nominees chosen by the core teachers for the month of **January** are:

6th Grade

**Garrett Jenkins
Kolter Kellogg
Makenna Miller
Adelyn Palmreuter**

7th Grade

**Madison Graybill
Kellen Hoffman
Tessa Schroeder
Eric Williams**

8th Grade

**Charlotte Atkinson
Jackson Bloomgren
Samber Falk
Logan Holland**



CONGRATULATIONS to the WMS Band Students who were chosen selected for the 2025 South Dakota Middle School All-State Band!

These students are: Maksim Mullin, flute; Brooke Novotny, flute; MacKenzie Kelley, flute; Rylee Knispel, bass clarinet, and Charlotte Atkinson, euphonium. They will travel to Mitchell in March to participate in MS All-State Band with the best musician's form across South Dakota. Great job to our WMS musicians!



Five West Middle School choir students, under the direction of Emily Muirhead, were selected to perform in the South Dakota Junior Honor Choir. Those students were Victoria Hresko, Rylee Knispel, Gianna Grigg, Emory Parrish, and Lindsay Plunkett. It was held in Rapid City on January 17th and 18th. South Dakota Junior Honor Choir is an auditioned choir made up of 7th, 8th, and 9th grade singers enrolled in their school's choral program. Teachers may encourage students to audition based upon their level of musicianship, citizenship, work ethic, and musical habits. There are two choirs that students may be placed in, a mixed choir (SATB) made of approximately 98 voices, or a treble choir (SSA) made of approximately 78 voices. Congratulations!!



"Thank You!"

Thank you to PAWS for the "yummy treats" brought for the staff on January 9, 2025. You are the best!!!

"REMINDERS"

February 7, 2025

February 10, 2025

February 14, 2025

February 17, 2025

February 20, 2025

February 21&22, 2025

February 25, 2024

February 27, 2025

February 28, 2025

EARLY RELEASE FRIDAY – 1:00

WMS Family Movie Night @ Elks Movie Theatre "TWISTER"
(doors open at 5:45 movie starts at 6:15)

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY 

NO SCHOOL – President's Day

Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm Classrooms

Middle School All State Orchestra in Mitchell

Stevens High School Informational Night (incoming freshman)
6:00PM in the SHS Theatre

Choir – United in Song Concert @ Monument 7:00pm

School Dance – 3:15-4:45 Community Center Gym

