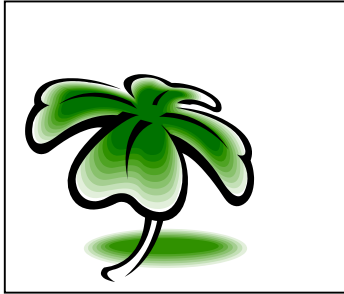




WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL
NEWS CLIPS FOR MARCH 2025



FOR HOMEWORK - PLEASE REFER TO
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DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE
POSTED DAILY ON THE WEST MIDDLE
SCHOOL WEBSITE

**REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026
9TH GRADE**

Staff from Stevens High School will come to West to help 8th grade students with registration materials on March 5 & 6 during 7th period.

Smarter Balanced Testing...will be administered to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students March 27 - April 3. 8th grade science testing will be April 22 – April 25. With the number of students involved in testing, we want to express how important the attendance of each student is. If possible, we are asking that you schedule appointments around this testing so our students will have uninterrupted attendance.

TRACK SEASON...will start Monday, March 10, 2025. All participating students need to have a doctor's physical on file in the office before they start practices. Physical forms are available at most doctors' offices as well as walk-in clinics. The fee for participation is \$25.00 (with a maximum of \$60.00 per individual student per year, or \$120.00 per family). West Middle School logo shorts are a required uniform. They are available in the office or the physical education department--\$12.00 for shorts. (These are the standard physical education uniform and may be used for track.)

"Thank You!"

All staff members here at West Middle School wish to express their gratitude to the PAW's Appreciation Committee for delicious treats provided on February 13, 2025, and the supper provided during parent/teacher conferences on February 20, 2025.



All cell phones must be turned off and put in your locker from the time you enter the building in the morning and should be off until you leave the building at the end of the day. Students who choose to violate this policy by having their cell phone on them will have their phone placed in the office for up to one week, and their parents will be required to pick up the phone (Student Handbook). Please make sure that phones are turned off as it affects the WIFI, Chromebooks and other technology in the school.



Congratulations to the West Middle School Band students who won first chair honors for this year's Festival of Bands! These musicians did a great job of representing West Middle School.

7th grade ~ Eryn O'Loughlen, flute – Jaina Hough, trumpet – Elsa Grauman, French Horn – Sawyer Shryock, euphonium – Andria Atkinson, tuba

8th grade ~ Maks Mullin, flute – Rylee Knispel, bass clarinet – Leah Schroeder, trumpet – Ava Fessler, French Horn – Becca Norris, trombone – Charlotte Atkinson, euphonium – Gianna Grigg, percussion

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL DROP OFF AND AFTERNOON PICK UP FOR STUDENTS...

We wish to remind drivers who are bringing our students to school in the morning, or picking them up in the afternoon, please pull into the proper drop-off areas. **NO STUDENT DROP-OFFS ARE TO BE DONE IN THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL.** In the afternoon, all students should be out of the building by 3:15p.m. and off the school grounds by 3:30p.m. unless they have an after-school activity.

REMINDER ~ Please be respectful of our neighboring businesses when you are dropping off or picking up your students. Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

The WMS Dodgeball Tournament is March 14th after school in both gyms.

- \$30.00 per team
- Only 12 teams
- All teams are co-ed with a minimum of 4 girls on each team (10 players per team)
- All teams **MUST** provide a parent volunteer who is in attendance for the entire event (parents do not play, but will either referee or keep score/time
- 1st and 2nd place will play a teacher team at the end of the tournament





SD State PTA has announced the winners for this year's Reflections Art Competition. West Middle School did very well! Out of the 6 student submissions that we received, 4 were able to compete at the state level. From those 4 entries, 3 of our students will move on to compete at the National level!

The Students and Awards at the state level are as follows:

<i>Lexi Marshall</i>	<i>Visual Arts - Award of Merit (2nd Place)</i>
<i>Minenhle Tamhle</i>	<i>Music Composition - Award of Excellence (1st Place)</i>
<i>Edie Whitehead</i>	<i>Film Production- Award of Excellence (1st Place)</i>

The winners have been invited to the Reflections Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 5th in Pierre, SD, which correlates with the annual South Dakota PTA State Convention that takes place immediately after the banquet. (National winners will be announced in May)

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 Gaston, 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 Huckaby, 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 **February** are:

6th Grade

Landon Lewis
Tessa Paugh
Easton Sitzler
Emma Wake

7th Grade

Audrey Foley
William Shull
Minenhle Tamhla
Mark Werpy

8th Grade

Cedar Gab
Alex Ogborn
Tyler Schumacher
Daytona Warren

JUST A REMINDER

March 1 *Personal Transfer/Open Enrollment Applications open online*
March 5&6 *Stevens High School at WMS – Registration for 8th graders*
March 7 *Early Release 1:00*
March 7&8 *All-State Band @ Mitchell SD*
March 8 *Orchestra - Strings In Concert @ Monument*
March 9 *Daylight Savings Time Begins (set clocks ahead 1 hour)*
March 10 *Track Practice Begins*
March 11 *Women in Science Conference 7th grade girls – SDSM&T*
March 11 *6th grade Musical 2:15pm Cafeteria*
March 14 *Dodgeball Tournament – 3:15 – 6:00pm*
March 15 *Festival of Bands – Monument Theatre*
March 17 *St. Patrick's Day*
March 21 *NO SCHOOL – STAFF PD DAY*
March 26 *5th grade Elementary Registration*
March 27-April 3 *Smarter Balanced Testing grades 6, 7, 8*
March 27 *5th grade Informational Meeting 5:30-6:00 WMS Cafeteria*

