

The Bay Window

May 2022

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High School Math Team Wins

22nd Consecutive Conference Championship

The Williams Bay High School Math Team place first in all four divisions which included Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and Advanced Math. The team also earned six of the 12 individual awards. The team is coached by Ms. Thiel.

Algebra I Team: First in Conference

Team members include: Noah Cornella, Sophia Count, Braden Hayes, Derek Johnson, Avery Kimmerly, and Michael Finn Pecht

Algebra I Individual Awards:

Avery Kimmerly, 2nd Place

Derek Johnson, 3rd Place

Geometry Team: First in Conference

Team members include: Syllas Jeninga, Dylan Karcher, Jose Pilo, Blake Reynolds, Lacey Silverman, and Gage Stanek.

Geometry Individual Award:

Blake Reynolds, 3rd Place

Algebra II Team: First in Conference

Team members include: Jacob Bradbury, Aaron Johnson, Kyle Marshall, Sofia Normington-Slay, Charlie Pecht, and Brooke Pyer.

Algebra II Individual Awards:

Aaron Johnson, 1st Place

Charlie Pecht, 3rd Place

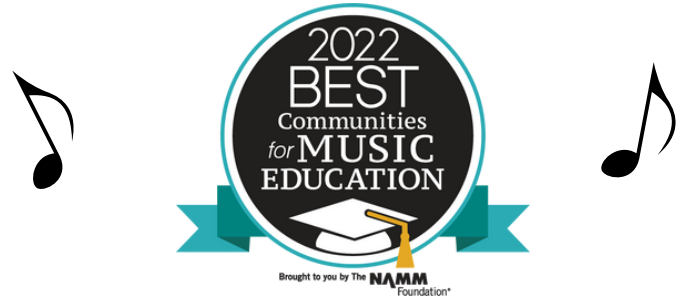
Advanced Math Team: First in Conference

Team members include: Rosa Jimenez, Owen Johnson, Travis Johnson, Collin Kuiper, Henry Kwiatkowski, and Nicholas Schnobel.

Advanced Math Individual Award:

Travis Johnson with a perfect score, 1st Place

Congratulations!



Williams Bay School District's Music Education Program Receives National Recognition

By: **Katie Campbell, Elementary Music Teacher**

The Williams Bay School District Music Department has been honored with the 2022 Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. This is the fourth year that our district has had the honor of receiving this award. The Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

The music programs at Williams Bay School District are provided by Mrs. Katie Campbell at the Elementary level, Ms. Jessica Miles at the Middle and High School levels and Mr. Nathan Weirick at the Middle and High School levels. These programs range from general music classes to choir, band, solo & ensemble, musicals and more!

This award recognizes that the Williams Bay School District is leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA recommends music and the arts as important elements of a well-rounded education for all children. Research into music education continues to demonstrate educational/cognitive and social skill benefits for children who make music. Not to mention, social benefits include conflict resolution, teamwork skills, and how to give and receive constructive criticism.



Williams Bay Elementary School helped Walworth County Health & Human Services support Family Strengthening Month in April. The month was dedicated to keeping families together and making a difference by providing support to families and helping them feel supported in an environment that supports children's wellbeing.

On April 1st the school community was encouraged to wear blue to kick off the statewide campaign. This is a photo of some of the students who wore blue in support of the campaign.

Anna Rolfs Chosen as 2022 Kohl Scholar

Williams Bay High School is proud to announce that senior Anna Rolfs has been selected as a 2022 Herb Kohl Student Excellence Scholarship recipient. She was chosen to receive this prestigious award because of her exceptional scholarship, leadership, citizenship, and school and community involvement. In addition, she was evaluated on her ability to clearly articulate goals in each of four areas: future educational goals, personal life goals, community/society service goals, and career goals.

The \$10,000 scholarship may be used for college tuition, fees, room and board, books, supplies, technology and equipment required for courses of instruction so long as these items can be purchased through her college. The scholarship must be used in full within four years of the date on which she receives it.

2022 marks the 8th straight year that a Williams Bay High School student has won this award, including an impressive 17 of the past 18 years! Overall, WBHS students have won the Kohl Scholarship award 22 times since 1993. This is a tremendous honor for Anna and we are very proud of her!



KNC Trip

By: River Smith, 4th Grade

Today, my whole school went on a trip to a popular and fun hiking area in my town called Kishwauketoe.

First, we started by planting trees which was fun to watch, but I didn't do anything because I had to help my teacher by holding something that was hers. Every class had two trees, one for the boys to plant and one for the girls to plant. The boys named their tree Timmy and the girls named their tree Perfect Pinky Palace.

Then, we went on a very long trail and we walked for a long time and a lot of the students were tired but we took a break and Kate (a classmate) made a funny joke about a buzzard circling us saying that it was going to eat her, but it was not. After we left, it was a popular joke in our class. When we were walking we found a small tower that you could climb up, but it was very, very busy so we walked farther on the trail. When we were far on the trail, we came back to the tower and nobody was there except us so we had the whole tower to ourselves. When we were on top of the tower, we saw some carvings about love for some reason, but it was fun on top of the tower.

Finally, after we were done with the tower we walked back where we came from at the start and we did some arm wrestling to pass the time waiting for our buses (I lost a lot). Then the buses were done dropping off the little kids and we walked to the bus and we all had a great day at school.



5th & 6th Grade Musical, "Descendants" A huge success!

A huge Congratulations to our 5th & 6th Grade Musical participants! These students worked so very hard over 3 months to bring their most evil performance to life! This year's musical was called "Descendants" which is based on a Disney movie series, also called "Descendants". This was our first elementary musical since 2018 and we were beyond excited to bring it back! Our elementary shows are put together with the help of adult directors, but are overall student run shows. All of our backstage, lights and sound are run by 5th & 6th grade students, as well as all of the performers on stage! The show was directed by Katie Altenbach, Katie Campbell and Linda Lubarda. This trio worked tirelessly with 28 of our 5th & 6th grade students to put on one of their most challenging shows yet. This show was full of incredibly challenging music, but the kids stepped up to that challenge and rocked it! We are so very proud of all of them and look forward to future shows!



The staff and students at Williams Bay Elementary School joined Health & Human Services and The Tree House on their "Together We Can" campaign by participating in the Virtual Sidewalk Chalk Art gallery.

Thank
you!

You will forever be an inspiring figure in the hearts of many.



I have loved teaching first grade at the Bay these past 3 years. We've made lots of memories during this time - from "normal" school, to virtual learning, to quarantines, and more! I am sad to be leaving such an amazing group of students and teachers, but I am excited to take time off to spend at home with my baby girl who was born in the fall. I still plan to be involved in the school community, however, as my son is heading into kindergarten next year. I hope to see some of my former students around! ~ Mrs. Pharris

For the past 19 years, Williams Bay Middle School has been "home" to me. When I was hired in August 2003, I had no idea how amazing of a school I was walking into. It quickly became obvious to me that this school district is top-notch and I have felt so lucky to spend most of my career here. I have had the privilege of having well over one-thousand students enter the doorway of my classroom, and have been so thankful to work with all the other wonderful teachers in this district. Some of my fondest memories come from the crazy ideas Mr. Bailey and I would have, such as having all-night lock-ins (or lock-outs as we did a couple years), hauling a canoe into the middle school hallway for a food drive, and devising amazing trips to take students on! While I will not be teaching at Williams Bay Middle School anymore, I will not be a stranger. Both of my children attend school here so I look forward to putting on just one hat, parent, and attending events from a different perspective! I'm thankful to all of my past students & all of the staff I have worked with for the last 19 years and I look forward to my future endeavors! ~ Mrs. Lindloff



I am honored to complete my teaching career here in Williams Bay. 16 years far and wide, the best 7 were here with you. I just have to say a very enthusiastic "thank you!" It has been my pleasure to develop and grow the elementary music program here with as much energy and zeal as I could muster...and more than the kids realized they could find!

I especially enjoy Concert time, when my Heart shines for all that I see in the Williams Bay community; shown best in our bright future and those tending to them. I love how they come together to do something greater than themselves. They are my very own Who-ville; Christmas Tree lighting and all. Without the help and participation of so many, I never would have been able to live this dream: A Music Program with a mission to bring joy, appreciation and life skills to our students and community. I can't think of Williams Bay and not think "Home." ~ Mrs. Campbell

I joined the Williams Bay Middle School team in 2016. Through the last six years, I have had the privilege of teaching middle school math and Algebra 2, coaching Middle School Track and Middle School Forensics, and choreographing for 7 different middle and high school musicals. My time at Williams Bay has blessed me with lifelong friendships, hilarious memories, and skills that will propel me into the next chapter of my life. As I step out of the world of education, I am excited to pursue life as a full time business owner and aerial arts instructor. You can find me, probably upside down, at The Lofty Life Aerial Dance! Our new studio location is set to open in Delavan next fall. I am incredibly grateful for my time as part of the Williams Bay staff. Even though I will not be teaching anymore, I will still be cheering on the community and will never stop believing in our wonderful students! ~ Mrs. Spychala





Investing Team Sets State Record

By: Brent Mansky, Middle/High School Principal

This spring, 90 Williams Bay Middle/High school students participated in a newly created Investing Club in order to participate in the Wisconsin Stock Market Game simulation sponsored by *EconomicsWisconsin*. The simulation helps students learn the cost and benefits involved in investing in the stock market by managing a hypothetical \$100,000 investment portfolio as they compete against teams from across Wisconsin for a chance at a cash prize. This spring, over 400 Wisconsin teams competed in the ten week challenge. We are proud to share that three Williams Bay teams finished in the top 10 in the state!

A team of 7th graders Ben Galvin and Ethan Wiegel finished 6th in the state by growing their portfolio to a value of \$120,262.46. A senior team consisting of Eoin Henry, Josh Rolfs, Nolan Peyer, Caden Binger, and Travis Johnson finished 5th in the state with a portfolio value of \$124,314.41.

The grand prize winning team was also from Williams Bay and consisted of seniors Connor Pecht, Aiden Hoover, Cole Oertel, Landon Palmer and Collin Kuiper. This team grew their portfolio to a staggering \$405,407.62, which is a new state record! The team members were invited to attend an *EconomicsWisconsin* Board of Directors meeting and will also be honored with a luncheon celebration ceremony in May. We are excited at the level of success that our teams had in year one of this program and look forward to the fall competition!



Class of 2022 Academic Club Recognition

This spring, Williams Bay High School created two new Academic Clubs to recognize seniors on their outstanding academic achievements. Thirteen members of the class of 2022 finished their seventh semester of high school with a 4.0+ GPA and five seniors scored a 30+ on their ACT. Both groups of students have banners hanging recognizing their tremendous accomplishments! Stop by and take a look!



Samantha Thompson interviews with Cheryl Beinetti.

Junior Seminar Students Participate in Mock Interviews

By: Denise Durkin, Teacher

What is a challenge you have overcome? What is your biggest strength? How would you describe yourself? These were just a few questions students were asked when they participated in a mock interview on April 28. In the Junior Seminar employment unit, students prepare a resume and cover letter, a LinkedIn profile, and an elevator pitch. In addition, they learn about the interview process. To put their interview skills to the test, area employers and community members volunteered to conduct mock interviews with the class. Prior to their interview, students said they were nervous, but as the interviews progressed, students became more confident and it became more like a conversation.

Every interviewer was impressed and very complimentary of how the students performed. Jamey Pietrowiak, president of CNC Speciality Store, said, "I really enjoyed the opportunity to offer my experience and time. It was great to see a few ah-ha moments when a few light bulbs turned on in the students. It was a great feeling to walk away and feel like I was able, at least a little bit, to help them when they look for their next job." The students, even those who were skeptical, also expressed that this was a great opportunity for them to practice their interview skills and get an idea of what it would be like when interviewing for an actual position.

Jesse Robinson said, "The most helpful part of doing the mock interviews was learning what I need to work on when I do a real interview." Hannah Abram remarked, "This was helpful since I have never done an interview before; therefore, it gave me experience with the interview process."

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Beth Muehlenkamp, Bob Klockars, Mary Hinske, Becky Merwin, Jim Pfeil, Zach Dull, Kristi Granberg, James Reuland, Jamey Pietrowiak, Cheryl Beinetti, Hank Johnson, and Desirae Skelton for taking time from their schedules to interview the students. We could not provide this opportunity to our students without you!



Top of Their Class

CLASS OF 2022

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN



Valedictorian Collin Kuiper will be attending the University of North Dakota to major in Commercial Aviation. The son of Steven and Jodie Kuiper, Collin has been a student in the Williams Bay School District since 4K.

Collin played basketball all four

years, playing a critical role his junior year in which the team won the Trailways Conference championship, undefeated. Furthermore, Collin played baseball his freshman and junior years, where he earned all-conference recognition both seasons.

In addition to his athletic career, Collin found his place on various academic curriculars as well. He competed with the Math Team his freshman, junior, and senior years, winning third place individually in both Geometry and Advanced Math. Furthermore, Collin participated in two Academic Bowl competitions his junior and senior years, winning third place individually in the English-Potpourri category both years. Collin was also inducted into the National Honor Society his junior year.

Throughout his high school career, Collin tried to give back to his community as much as possible. He has been thoroughly involved at his church, volunteering for fish fries and food packaging. Collin has also volunteered for the Williams Bay Corn & Brat Festival, Boo in the Bay, and Williams Bay Ski Club. Collin has been working on obtaining his Private Pilot License in Burlington to get a start on his degree and, more importantly, his career.



Salutatorian Caden Binger will be attending University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall. He is majoring in Biomedical Engineering. Caden decided on an engineering major due to his love of math and science fields. "I am very much looking forward to my time at Madison because it is close to home and I'll become a part of an amazing Badger community."

Caden entered the Williams Bay School District in 5th grade. Throughout his high school career, he has participated in many extracurricular activities. His senior year, he was the manager for the varsity basketball team, an outdoor education counselor for 7th graders, and a varsity player for the boys golf team. He was also a varsity player for the baseball team during his sophomore and junior year. Caden was a member of the Academic Bowl team, and he volunteered throughout the community, such as helping out on field trips for the second graders, or volunteering for the Corn and Brat Festival.

"I am very grateful for my time here at Williams Bay. Through ups and downs, Covid mishaps, and other unpredictable setbacks, our unique high school experience is one that I am extremely thankful for, and one that I will never forget."



Second Grader Connor Keith is proudly displaying his artwork that he has donated to the Elementary Art Auction that will take place on May 20th following the Spring Sing. All profits of the auction will go to the Lakeland Animal Shelter.



High School Academic Bowl Team Sees Success at Conference Competition

Congratulations to this year's WBHS Academic Bowl Team! The High School Academic Bowl team competed in Montello, WI, on Monday, April 4. A total of eleven teams from the Trailways Conference participated in this year's competition. Overall, Williams Bay came in third place. Additionally, there were a number of team and individual accomplishments.

Individual Accomplishments included:

- Caden Binger: Chemistry, third place
- Henry Kwiatkowski: Physics, third place
- Collin Kuiper: Language Arts Potpourri, third place
- Nick Schnobel: Novels, second place
- Nolan Peyer: Geography, second place
- Eoin Henry: American History, second place

Team Accomplishments included:

- Nolan Peyer, Brooke Peyer, Kai Suh, and Rosa Jimenez: Social Studies, second place
- Syllas Jeninga, Nick Schnobel, Aaron Johnson, and Collin Kuiper, Language Arts, first place.
- Lacey Silverman, Marianna Garcia, Henry Kwiatkowski, and Caden Binger, Science, fifth place

Additional "at-large" members participated in a current events competition. Anna Rolfs, Travis Johnson, and Eoin Henry tied for fifth in this category.



THE FISHEREE IS BACK!!!

The fisheree is a fun filled fishing derby that will happen after school on May 24th. Kids 4K thru 5th grade may participate. Students in grades 4K – 3rd must be accompanied by an adult. The students get a bus ride (shuttle) down to the municipal fishing piers after school and there, they get their poles (we supply bait) and fish away! Time: 3:15 – 5:00p.m.

Middle School Students Earn Urban Air Field Trip

By: Heather Lindloff, Middle School Teacher

On Wednesday, April 27th, the sixth grade class along with 5 chaperones ventured to Waukesha to Urban Air Trampoline Park. The trip was a reward for the sixth grade class for their hard work during the month of March in the Moby Max computer program. The students were challenged by Mr. Mansky to work in the program for at least 100 minutes a week, each week of the month.

The program was used to help boost their skills in preparation for the state Forward Test. The students did an incredible job and amassed thousands of minutes over the month!

While at Urban Air the students enjoyed many activities such as go karts, zip line, ball pits, dodgeball on the trampoline and a delicious pizza lunch. The students (and chaperones) had a great day and it was wonderful to get out of the building and have fun together!



Forensics Team Experiences Success in 2022

By: Sara Terrill, Forensics Team Coach

According to the Wisconsin High School Forensics Association, a primary goal of Forensics is to provide a significant training ground for the development of students' abilities in public speaking and in the oral interpretation of literature. Another goal is to provide multiple opportunities for students to practice and share their skill development.

Returning Forensics students for 2022 included Anna Rolfs, Monica Paur, Josh Rolfs, Travis Johnson, Connor Pecht, Sofiiia Lauten, Ari Kuney and Chloe Schlesner. Students who were new to the program included Lali Carbajal and Eoin Henry. Anna, Lali, and Chloe participated in the prose category; Monica, Connor, and Eoin participated in the impromptu category; Ari participated in the moments in history category; Sofiiia participated in the poetry category; and Travis and Josh participated in the informative category. Part of the fun of Forensics is getting to meet students from all over the state, which could happen again when the meets returned to in-person events.

The season started in February with Williams Bay hosting the conference meet. Next came the sub-district meet at Burlington. Students needed to earn at least two scores of 16 to advance. All students advanced. The sub-district meet was followed by district in March. Students needed to earn two scores of 21 to advance to the state competition. Nine members of the team advanced to state. The season ended with the state competition on April 9th at DeForest High School. The state meet is typically held at UW-Madison, but due to COVID, changes had to be made to the venue. The majority of the team participated virtually in state since it overlapped with the trip to New York and spring break. Monica Paur and Sofiiia Lauten competed in person.

At state, Sofiiia Lauten earned a gold medal. Anna Rolfs, Josh Rolfs, Monica Paur, Eoin Henry and Ari Kuney earned silver medals. Travis Johnson earned a bronze medal.

Spanish Club Raises Money For Ukraine

By: Rosa Jimenez, 11th Grade

The Spanish Club recently held a fundraiser to help the Ukrainian refugees; all of the money donated went to the World Central Kitchen, an organization whose mission is to provide meals in Ukraine and surrounding areas. As an incentive we made this fundraiser a class competition in which the winning class would receive desserts during lunch. On Friday, April 22, the Junior class redeemed their reward for raising the most money; together they raised an amount of \$1,181.09. Overall the school and community raised a total of \$2,531.06. We would like to thank everyone who donated and supported our cause. The Spanish Club hopes to continue to be able to host and run several other events and fundraisers in the future.





WBHS History Club Ranked One of the Best in the U.S.!

By: Deb Soplanda, History Club Advisor

The Williams Bay High School History Club has been recognized by the National History Club of America as one of the Top 5 Outstanding History Clubs in America. The club was chosen from a pool of over 500 High School History Club Chapters in 44 states with over 16,000 members.

WBHS History Club was chosen, according to Robert L. Nasson, Executive Director of the National History Club, because of its "level of engagement as a group." The club's love of history and sharing it with their classmates and community is outstanding.

The work of the WBHS History Club includes their ongoing work in Frost Park, community service, field trips, fundraising, cultural experience and much more! With over 100 members, the club is always looking forward to their next adventure!



4K Outreach Day Spends Time at Busy B Garden Center

By Laura Breen, 4K Teacher

Brittney, at the Busy B's Garden Center in Delavan, gave the 4K students, teachers, and families a tour of the greenhouses and taught us what plants and flowers need to grow. The children planted petunias in little pots provided by the garden center. We read a few books while students finished up with plantings. Hooray for spring time!



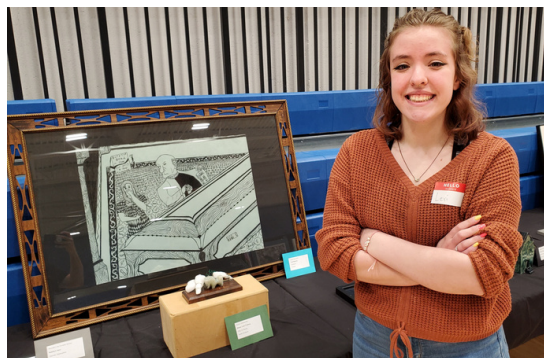
Williams Bay High School Students Excel in Spring Art Shows

By: Matt Dunlap, MS/HS Art Teacher

April and May is Art Show Season! WBHS art students have participated in two separate art shows in the past five weeks, the first being in early April. Ten students had projects on display at the Geneva Lake Art Foundation Student Art Show which was held at Gallery 223 in downtown Lake Geneva. Sophomore Olivia Wiley walked away with a Merit Award for her piece Daydreams, a digital photo of a monochromatic collage. Brigitte Ev. Duvall, a WBHS Junior, received the Martin Smith Memorial Award for Creative Art for her oil painting entitled Devouring. Most recently thirteen students participated in the Trailways Conference Art Show. This show contains over 230 pieces of work from 18 different schools within the Trailways Conference. WB students submitted work into five of the twelve possible categories. Three students took home the gold medal in their respective category. Senior Sofiia Lauten for her piece Mrs. Fake Paradise, an acrylic painting, Junior Brigitte Ev. Duvall for her oil painting Devouring, and Freshman Kylee Amstutz for her sculpture entitled Restraint. Other participating students from the shows include Sarah Beinetti, Kara Rees, Hailee Monroe, Lauren Peck, Max Robertson, Lexi Friberg, Ashley Toro, Chloé Schlesner, Zach Beinetti, and Evelyn Hamberg.



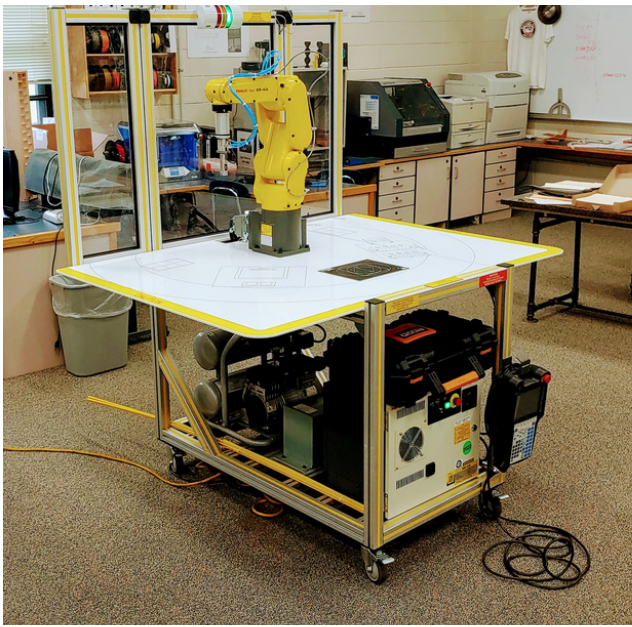
Ev. Duvall



Lexi Friberg



Zach Beinetti



Technology Education Program Adds Industrial Robotics Classes

By: Jacob White, Industrial Technology Education Teacher

How do you program a 6-axis robot arm? Well, at Williams Bay High School students will be able to learn just that with the implementation of Industrial Robotics to the 2022-2023 Williams Bay School District Tech-Ed Program.

The district has seen an increase in student interest in automation. Additionally, a number of our local advanced manufacturing businesses are implementing automation into their facilities. After noticing an opportunity, Mr. White, the district's Industrial Tech-Ed Teacher, applied for a Fast Forward Grant in 2020 to help bring in equipment to meet the growing need of specialized skilled workers in Advanced Manufacturing.

The district was awarded the grant and Mr. White moved forward to bring the Fanuc Fenceless Robot arm into the classroom. The robot arm also came with 25 licenses to the simulation software which is a true digital twin

of the robot arm. The addition of the robotic arm will allow students to see and experience the application of automation on an industrial scale. The FANUC CERT cart features a six-axis mechanical robot with 180-degree work envelope, a R-30iB Plus controller, and Roboguide handling tool software. Since it is a self-contained unit with the ability to fit through the classroom door, it can be utilized in other programs including physics and mathematics, expanding educational opportunities across the entire district. The value this course will bring to our students is an extremely sought after skill set in an exciting career, a 3rd party Nocti certification, a SACA certification, and the potential for transcribed credit.

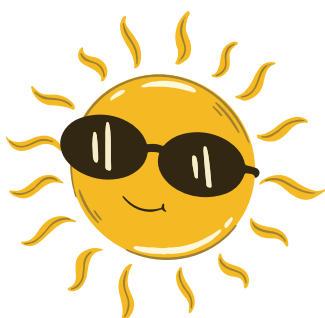
A Look at the Williams Bay High School Esports Team

By: Alex Reynolds, 11th Grade Student

In 2021, a teacher at Williams Bay High School (WBHS) ran a club. It was known as the WBHS Computer Club, and they did some cool things; made concrete bulldog paws for fundraising, took apart and put together personal computers, and even upgraded some PCs. These upgraded PCs fueled the teacher's dream: starting a high school Esports team. The upgraded PCs were used to found the Williams Bay High School Esports team, a ragtag group of high schoolers that enjoyed playing video games and decided to do it competitively.

Jump to today, April 28th, 2022, and this team is so much more. It has seen ongoing support, more members, and even the honor of officially being part of the athletics program at WBHS, with plans for a middle school team in the works. The team even made it to the state competition where WBHS was 1 out of 24 schools to compete in the fall season of 2021 for Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, with three of the players being in the top 64 (Kaeden Weberpal, Ashley Toro, and Henry Kwiatkowski).

Esports has brought a large group of people together, many of them strangers to each other at the start of the year. By the end of just the Fall season, not a person on the team was without a new friend, most on the team having made many new friends and having found a new passion. With more support, it became something more than just a ragtag group of students playing games together, evolving into something of a family.



Last Day of School

Elementary School ~ Wednesday, June 1st

Middle / High School ~ Thursday, June 2nd

