



THE BEST IS YET TO COME

Congratulations to the WBSD Class of 2021! Both West Bloomfield High School and Oakland Early College held their graduation ceremonies in early June on the football field at West Bloomfield High School. While these celebrations were far from traditional, they did allow for students, staff, families and community members the opportunity to celebrate these students for their profound accomplishments despite the less-than-ideal circumstances over the past year and a half.

We are confident that the best is yet to come for every single member of the Class of 2021. We look forward to what the future holds and wish them all nothing but the best.



SUMMER LEARNING INNOVATION

Summer learning in West Bloomfield took on a new look and feel in 2021. Gone were the days of the traditional summer school experience. In its place was a new, refreshed approach to enrichment, support and growth. Students at all levels expanded their educational skills through engaging themes, unique experiences, and exciting experiences.

The summer featured unique field trips, including a high ropes course, Scarlett's Smile accessible playground and a special visit from the Oakland Schools STEMi mobile innovation lab.

In the wake of a truly challenging 2020-21 school year, district staff really rose to the occasion and created meaningful learning opportunities in support of students at all levels within our district. Thank you to everyone who made these summer learning experiences possible for our students and families.



DISTRICT CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF FAMILY, FUN AND FOOTBALL!

As we celebrate the start of the new school year, we are also looking forward to our 10th Annual Family Fun Night on September 17 at West Bloomfield High School. Join us for family, football and fun from 5 – 7 p.m. At the conclusion of Family Fun Night, help us cheer on the reigning

MHSAA State Champion WBHS Laker football team as they face off against Stoney Creek High School at 7 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the frontline workers and first responders who work tirelessly to keep our community safe. More information is available at www.wbsd.org.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING



FOR A FUTURE OF STUDENT WELL-BEING AND SUCCESS

By Gerald Hill, Ph.D., Superintendent

Often one hears about organizations embarking on strategic planning to define what their hopes and dreams are for future success. In the case of the West Bloomfield School District, we are commencing that journey this fall and will complete the strategic planning process by January 2022. Why are we doing so at this time and what can students, staff and community members expect from this future visioning exercise?

Coming off of 18 months of coping and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, we definitely see the need to refocus on student health, well-being and academic learning. We know that we'll not be returning to normal, but rather, we will be defining a new path forward that

requires us to redesign how we approach teaching, learning and social/emotional growth strategies. We'll use what we've learned over the last two years and apply those learnings, along with feedback from our many stakeholders, to create dynamic, student-focused strategies that will produce the best chances of success for all our students.



Beginning this August, the West Bloomfield leadership team, including the Board of Education, central office administration and school leaders, will be working to craft a dynamic, student-centered vision for the future. The process will be facilitated by consultants from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). MASB has facilitated strategic planning

processes and goal-setting processes with over 100 Michigan school districts. Their facilitators have extensive experience in strategic planning as well as backgrounds in education and board service. These dual competencies uniquely position MASB to customize a strategic planning process that "fits" our school district.

We will be addressing three key questions:

- Where is the district now?
- Where is the district going?
- How will the district get there?

Under MASB's guidance, we'll be utilizing a data-based strategic planning process that establishes priorities, focuses energy and resources, strengthens operations and ensures all stakeholders are working toward the achievement of common goals for the district.

MASB's Data-based Strategic Planning Process proposal includes:

- A pre-planning session with the superintendent and Board of Education
 - A facilitated conversation with the Board of Education and district administrators to gain input
 - Up to six focus group input sessions with stakeholders, i.e., staff, parents, community members, etc.
 - A summary and analysis of stakeholder input (qualitative/perceptual data)
 - Educational data report (quantitative data) including five-year district trend data comparing the district with five reference districts and state averages
 - Planning and facilitation of strategic planning retreat for approximately 40 planning team members
 - Planning and facilitation of implementation workshop with key staff
 - Written documentation summary of the planning process
 - A summary of the strategic plan
 - Recommendations for development of a board monitoring calendar
- As you can see from the above summary, there will be opportunities to gain stakeholder feedback that will inform the final plan. That feedback will focus on the following elements:
- Strengths of the district

- Opportunities for improvement
- Barriers to implementation
- Vision for the district

I encourage you to participate in this process by responding to surveys and participating in focus groups. Also, if you have a particular interest to become more involved, let me know if you

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Strategic planning is important to an organization because it provides a sense of direction and outlines measurable goals. Strategic planning is a tool that is useful for guiding day-to-day decisions and also for evaluating progress and changing approaches when moving forward.

- George A. Steiner

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would like to serve on any of the working subcommittees that will be a part of the process. Although not finalized, I anticipate there may be three strategic planning subcommittees, including teaching and learning, facilities and finance. You can express your interest by emailing me at Gerald.Hill@wbsd.org

Thank you in advance for your interest, feedback and participation as we continue our journey to ensure the West Bloomfield School District educates students to be their best in and for the world.

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UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

- **September 13:** Board Study Session
- **September 27:** Board Meeting
- **October 11:** Board Study Session
- **October 25:** Board Meeting
- **November 8:** Board Study Session
- **November 22:** Board Meeting
- **December 6:** Board Study Session
- **December 13:** Board Meeting

MEETING INFORMATION

The Board Study Sessions are tentative dates and may be canceled. NOTE: Please see the posted "Public Notices" for changes to meeting times and/or dates.

All regular Board Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48323, unless otherwise posted according to Board Policy #1300.

All Board Study Sessions are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Main Conference Room at the Administrative and Community Services Building, 5810 Commerce Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48324, unless otherwise posted according to Board Policy #1300.



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WBSD STAFF NEWS

Dr. Kyana Smith has been appointed to the position of Director of Student Support Services.

Dr. Smith earned her bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Western Michigan University in 2000. She then earned her master's degree in teaching with a focus on Special Education and Emotional Impairment in 2004 and her Education Specialist in Special Education and Cognitive Impairment in 2008, both from Wayne State University. Dr.

Smith earned her Doctor of Philosophy degree from Wayne State University in 2019.

Prior to joining the West Bloomfield School District, Dr. Smith was a member of the Garden City School District, serving as associate director of the Burger School of Autism since 2019 and a teacher consultant from 2017 to 2019. Dr. Smith also worked in Detroit Public Schools and the Pontiac School District to start her career, serving in a variety of roles including special education teacher, MCIC teacher, and teacher consultant.



Daniel Spitzley has been appointed to the position of Principal at Doherty Elementary School.

Mr. Spitzley earned his bachelor's degree in Group Social Studies from Grand Valley State University in 2011. He earned his master's degree in Educational Leadership and K-12 Administration from Eastern Michigan University in 2017.

Mr. Spitzley comes to the West Bloomfield School District after working in Northville Public Schools since August 2012. While in Northville, Mr. Spitzley served as both a lower and upper elementary school teacher. He also gained administrative experience serving as the principal of summer school since 2018.



Ashleigh Larkin will serve as principal of Sheiko Elementary starting in the 2021-22 school year.

Ms. Larkin most recently served as Head of School for Oakland Early College. She also served as a social studies teacher and assistant principal at West Bloomfield High School.

Ms. Larkin earned a Bachelor of Arts in

Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Sciences in 2008 from Michigan State University and her secondary teacher certification in social studies from Wayne State University in 2010. She also completed her Master of Arts in teaching from Wayne State University in 2014 and began studying toward her education specialist certification in 2016 from Central Michigan University.



Morrison Borders will be joining the Oakland Early College team as Head of School starting with the 2021-22 school year.

Mr. Borders most recently served as associate principal of Lakers Online and executive director of Pupil and Personnel Services. He also served as assistant principal and then

principal of Orchard Lake Middle School.

Mr. Borders earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and Health from Wayne State University in 2003 and his master's in the Art of Teaching from Marygrove College in 2005. He also earned his Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership from Liberty University.



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The West Bloomfield School District is pleased to announce **Scott Long** has been appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services. Mr. Long's appointment was confirmed at the June 21 West Bloomfield Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Long earned his Bachelor of Science in Education from Central Michigan University in 2004 and his master's in Reading and Literacy (K-12) from Central Michigan University in 2010. Mr. Long also



received his Education Specialist Certification in Leadership from Oakland University in 2015.

Mr. Long previously served within the West Bloomfield School District as assistant principal of Orchard Lake Middle School from 2013 to 2017 and principal of Doherty Elementary from 2018 to 2021. Prior to serving in an administrative role, Mr. Long served as a teacher at Orchard Lake Middle School, teaching subjects including English Language Arts, AVID and History from 2004-2013.

The West Bloomfield School District is pleased to announce **Sonja James** has been appointed to the position of Executive Director of Educational Equity and Inclusion. Ms. James's appointment was confirmed at the June 21 West Bloomfield Board of Education meeting.

Ms. James earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Bethune-Cookman University in 1989 and her master's degree in Elementary Education from Nova South Eastern University.

Ms. James previously served within the West Bloomfield School District as principal of Orchard Lake Middle School from 2005 to 2012 and principal of Sheiko



Elementary from 2012-2021. Ms. James also taught fifth grade at Doherty Elementary earlier in her career.

The Executive Director of Educational Equity and Inclusion will be responsible for providing leadership to the district in its ongoing focus on diversity, inclusion, equity and belonging and works to accelerate progress with these efforts in all district programs.

The Executive Director will support the Office of Learning Services in its review of curriculum, instructional resources, assessment, and professional learning and the Office of Talent Development and Management in its attempt to recruit and retain talent that reflects the diversity of the district.

TWENTY-THREE EDUCATORS EARN TENURE

At the June 21 Board of Education meeting, 23 West Bloomfield School District educators were recognized for achieving tenure status during the 2020-21 school year. These individuals received effective and highly effective performance ratings on their evaluations and were recommended by their supervising principals to receive tenure status as teachers in our district.

"Tenure is a landmark achievement that paves the way toward successful careers," said Assistant Superintendent for Talent Development and Management Eric Whitney. "We are pleased to present them to the Board of Education this evening."

The list of educators can be found below:

- Katelynn Bieber - Doherty Elementary School
- Andrea Briolat - Roosevelt Elementary School, Sheiko Elementary School, West Bloomfield Middle School, West Bloomfield High School
- Brooke Buffmyer - West Bloomfield High School, Lakers Online High School
- Kelly Casinelli - West Bloomfield High School
- Kelsey Chewins - West Bloomfield Middle School
- Scott Hammerle - Lakers Online Middle School
- Ellen Herget - West Bloomfield High School, Lakers Online High School
- Jeffery Hopper - West Bloomfield High School
- Megan Hrycaj - West Bloomfield High School, Lakers Online High School
- Kevin Jakeway - West Bloomfield High School, Lakers Online High School
- Megan Jurgensen - West Bloomfield Middle School
- Leah Karagosian - Doherty Elementary School
- Joanna Keil - West Bloomfield Middle School
- Kyle Landon - West Bloomfield High School, Lakers Online High School
- Kimberly Larson - Roosevelt Elementary School
- Jennifer Lenhart - Lakers Online Middle School
- Melody Loeffler - Lakers Online Elementary School
- Calla Miller - Doherty Elementary School
- Lisa Orrin - Lakers Online High School
- Michelle Pierce - Roosevelt Elementary School
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DANA NESSEL WBHS Class of 1987

Dana Nessel is a 1987 graduate of West Bloomfield High School and currently serves as attorney general for the State of Michigan. Attorney General Nessel took some time to update our community on her journey since leaving WBHS and she shared some advice for current students.

What have you been up to since graduating from West Bloomfield High School?

Since my time at West Bloomfield High School, I attended and graduated

from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School. I went to work first in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office as a criminal prosecutor and later struck out on my own in private practice.

I had the opportunity, the honor, and the privilege to represent the DeBoers in a groundbreaking case that was ultimately heard by the United States Supreme Court. That decision allowed marriage equality across the nation, and I am deeply proud of the work so many of us did on the case. It is the combination of that work – as a prosecutor and a

defense attorney – which ultimately inspired me to seek the Michigan Democratic Party's nomination as their candidate for attorney general.

I was sworn in on the steps of the capitol as Michigan's 54th attorney general on January 1, 2019, and immediately took steps to restore the department's commitment to serving as the people's attorney.

As attorney general, I've sought out protections for Michigan consumers, workers and our state's most important natural resource – its Great Lakes. My office has also launched Michigan's Elder Abuse Task Force and formed the Hate Crimes Unit.

I am incredibly proud of the work done by the attorneys, investigators, and personnel of the Department of Attorney General. It is exhilarating to be able to help so many people in our state.

On a more personal note, I live in southeast Michigan with my wife, Alanna Maguire, and twin sons, Alex and Zach.

How did West Bloomfield High School influence your current path?

Our educational experiences help shape the individuals we become and that is especially true of our high school experiences. For me, West Bloomfield High School is the place where I experienced intellectual, emotional, and social challenges – just as we all do in high school. The education I received at WBHS helped prepare me for life as a college student at the University of Michigan. The social network I developed as a student was a source of support for me in the rest of my life, and still is to this day.

I believe our impact on the world is directly related to the experiences that impacted our lives. Certainly, my high school experience contributes to the actions I have taken as an adult and the place I find myself in today.

What advice do you have for our current students?

Be true to yourself – even if you are not sure exactly who you are yet. Neither my personal life nor my professional life followed a traditional path, but that does not mean they are any less fulfilling. I made choices over the years based on what I wanted for myself, my career, and my life without seeking approval from others.

Do you know of any West Bloomfield High School alums you'd like to see in the spotlight? If so, please email alycia.chase@wbsd.org with their contact info and a brief background.



JEREMY SHERMAN

WBHS Class of 2010

Jeremy Sherman is a 2010 graduate of West Bloomfield High School and currently works as the Director of Marketing & Growth at SNACKLINS. Jeremy took some time to update our community on his journey since leaving WBHS and he shared some advice for current students.

What have you been up to since graduating from West Bloomfield High School?

After graduating from West Bloomfield High School in 2010, I took a gap year to serve as BBYO's international president. BBYO is a Jewish youth organization with thousands of members across the globe. Each year, an international president is elected by peers and takes a year off before college to travel and visit BBYO

chapters around the country and world. In my role with BBYO, I had the honor of being invited to the White House and had a chance to meet with President Obama.

After my gap year, I went to Washington University in St. Louis, where I majored in business economics and political science. I was very involved on campus and served as senior class president during my final year. In that role, I had the privilege of giving the student commencement speech at my graduation.

I'd always had my eyes set on moving to Washington D.C., so after graduation I started a job at Deloitte in their federal consulting practice. Over the course of two years, I worked on numerous projects for different government agencies, including USPS, Department of Defense, Department of Commerce, and Department of Energy. I then

moved to a position within Deloitte to a group called the Greenhouse. It operates much like a start-up that facilitates custom workshops for all types of clients across many different topics.

I loved the start-up atmosphere so much that I decided to make a major change in my career and leave Deloitte to join a tiny company named SNACKLINS. SNACKLINS is a rapidly growing snack brand based in Rockville, MD.

And that leads me to today, where I live

with my boyfriend, Michael, and my dog, Oreo, in Washington D.C.

How did West Bloomfield High School influence your current path?

I think West Bloomfield High School did a great job of exposing me to tons of different subjects and activities, so that by the time I got to college I had a well-rounded understanding of different areas of study. Even though I chose to study business and political science in college, I still use things I learned in psychology and Spanish classes at WBHS in my work today. Also, WBHS is a very diverse school with students from all different backgrounds, especially during my time as a student. I think I took that diversity for granted, because as I've grown older and moved away from West Bloomfield, I've learned that most people didn't have the same experience growing up. That exposure has helped me be a better teammate and member of society.



What advice do you have for our current students?

My advice to current students is don't be afraid to make drastic changes in your future career. Oftentimes, the longer you do something the harder it may seem to make a change. But the modern-day career requires constantly learning new skills and reinventing yourself. Don't be afraid to change and try new things in order to find something you're truly passionate about.



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COMMUNITY STEWARDS

Groups come together to discuss Apple Island



In early June, representatives from stakeholder groups across West Bloomfield joined together to journey to Apple Island to experience the island and discuss community partnerships. Groups represented on the tour included West Bloomfield Schools, West Bloomfield Parks Department, Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society, and Orchard Lake Country Club. The tour objectives were:

- To get an introduction to the island – its history and its natural beauty
- To imagine expanded educational opportunities for WBSD students, in particular, and the greater WB community in general
- To assess the effort required to remove fallen trees over the Campbell House foundation
- To start to build relationships between community stewards as Apple Island advocates

“We look forward to continuing the conversations from that day in the months and years ahead as we grow our steward relationships throughout the community!” said Dr. Gerald Hill, WBSD superintendent.

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WBSD SUMMER CONSTRUCTION RECAP

Construction crews had a busy summer in the West Bloomfield School District making improvements across the districts. Despite the wetter-than-usual summer months, the crews worked hard to ensure our buildings would be ready for the start of the 2021-22 school year.

Doherty Elementary Roof Replacement – Delayed until 2022

Due to supply chain issues related to acquiring roofing materials, the Doherty Elementary Roof Replacement project has been delayed until 2022. The roof is still in good working order, making this change in the schedule possible.

Scotch Elementary Roof Replacements

The district continued to follow its roofing replacement cycle with work on 6,875 square feet of roof being replaced at Scotch Elementary. This relatively small project will be completed by mid-August, prior to the start of the 2021-22 school year.

Sheiko Elementary Parking Lot Improvements

The Sheiko Elementary parking lot received some much-needed attention this summer through a complete reconfiguration. This process allows separate school bus traffic from parent traffic for improved safety as well as an additional 41 parking spaces plus two additional handicap spaces to the lot for ADA compliance. Weather has been a factor in the progress of this job but the project will be completed by mid-to-late August.



West Bloomfield High School Entrance Door Replacement

Main entry doors at West Bloomfield High School were replaced through the district's Building and Site Sinking Fund. These new doors add an extra layer of security and efficiency to West Bloomfield High School.

West Bloomfield Middle School Construction

The building has truly begun to take shape and with the demolition of Orchard Lake Middle School, the progress is now visible from Orchard Lake Road for everyone in the community to enjoy. Despite the rainy summer, the project is still on schedule and we look forward to a grand opening ceremony next summer.

From the exterior, the school's trademark "wave" over the iCenter has taken shape, followed by extensive stone and masonry work around the building. Parking lots, entryway and athletic areas are taking shape as well. Crews are in the final stages of enclosing the building. Once that is completed, roofing and the remaining brickwork can take place on the outside of the building.

The work inside the building is just as impressive, with the building's signature learning communities, common areas, arts and performing spaces and athletics facilities all coming together in a remarkable fashion. The building's mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems are installed with painting and concrete polishing taking place as areas begin to finalize.



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Friday, 9-3	7:00pm	Oak Park	Away	Oak Park High School
Friday, 9-10	7:00pm	Oxford	Away	Oxford High School
Friday, 9-17	7:00pm	Stoney Creek	Home	West Bloomfield High School
Friday, 9-24	7:00pm	Lake Orion	Away	Lake Orion High School
Friday, 10-1	7:00pm	Clarkston	Home	West Bloomfield High School
Friday, 10-8	7:00pm	Southfield A & T	Away	Southfield A & T
Friday, 10-15	7:00pm	North Farmington	Home	West Bloomfield High School
Friday, 10-22	7:00pm	Eisenhower	Away	Eisenhower High School

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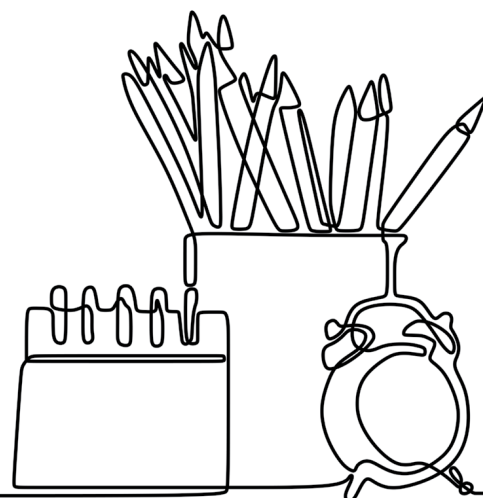
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The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Mr. Eric Whitney, Assistant Superintendent for Talent Development and Management. 5810 Commerce Road, West Bloomfield MI 48324. 248-865-6424

WBSD 2021-22 CALENDAR

August 30	First Day of School (Full Day)
September 1	Early Release
September 3	No School for Students or Staff
September 6	Labor Day - No School
September 7	No School for Students or Staff
September 16	No School for Students or Staff
September 29	Early Release
October 13	Early Release
October 27	Early Release
November 10	Early Release
November 16	Evening Conf-K-2 & HS only
November 17	Evening Conferences-MS only
November 18	Evening Conferences-3-5 only
November 19	Half Day/P.M. Conferences
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Break
December 8	Early Release
December 20-31	Winter Break
2022	
January 5	Early Release
January 17	MLK Day - No School
January 19	Half Day - HS Only
January 20	Half Day - All Levels
January 21	Half Day - All Levels
February 2	Early Release
February 16	Early Release
February 21-22	Mid-Winter Break
March 2	Early Release
March 16	Early Release
March 28-April 1	Spring Break
April 6	Early Release
April 15	No School for Students or Staff
April 20	Early Release
May 3	No School for Students or Staff
May 11	Early Release
May 30	Memorial Day - No School
June 14	Half Day - HS Only
June 15	Half Day - All Levels
June 16	Student's Last Day - Half Day
June 17	Teacher's Last Day - Records



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There is ALWAYS something new to DISCOVER in preschool! As children grow, they develop in various phases at their age, which lead to increased curiosity and discovery within and about themselves. As we say in Early Childhood, a child's job is to play and discover. As they grow, a child will mature and learn the responsibilities of life, but they will never truly be able to experience curiosity and exploration as they did as a young child.

A child is motivated by what s/he wants to know and how something will work. Creative minds are at work and pretend play is valued by the expression of their interest and everyday life. With this understanding, the West Bloomfield Preschool Academy understands that a child's job is to learn by exploring and discovering through play. We use the HighScope Curriculum, which is research based and allows the child to guide their learning by their interest and discovery.

Active learning is the basis for the curriculum and preschool program. This is achieved through hands-on discovery in the learning environment, interaction with adult scaffolding, assessment, and a consistent daily routine.

Discovery is found in all modes of learning and play for preschoolers. The HighScope curriculum, which aligns with

Michigan's Early Childhood Standards of Education, enables children to explore all domains of learning from Approaches to Learning, Social-Emotional, Physical, Mathematics, Language Arts, Creative Representation, Social Studies, and Science. Working with the child on a consistent basis and observing his or her development and interest enables teachers to scaffold lessons and small groups to individual children. Our belief is that we need to teach the child, see where s/he is and expand on their knowledge of where they need to be in their next learning phase.

The West Bloomfield Preschool Academy offers tuition-based programs for children who are 3 and 4 years old by December 1, and also the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) for families of 4-year-old children who meet income guidelines. To find out more about the West Bloomfield Preschool Academy and what program would benefit your child and family, contact

Collette Goestenkers at (248) 865-6466 or collette.goestenkers@wbsd.org for more information.



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Register now for ESL Levels I, II, and III PM and Level I AM
September 8 through December 16
(Omit November 24-25)

Bring Picture ID, Social Security Number (if you have one) and \$50 Registration Fee.

Students 18 and older are welcome from any district. **Call to schedule an appointment.**

Fall English as a Second Language Tuition Schedule

Fall Session 1: September 13 – October 21 (6 weeks)

Advanced English

Monday/Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. \$225

Intermediate English

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New (Online) Class!

American Customs and Manners

Tuesday/Thursday 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. \$195
(Includes materials. Login detail upon registration.)

Fall Session 2: October 25 – December 9

(6 weeks, Omit November 22-26)

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Registration Begins August 9

Registrations taken by
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