



The Comet Strip

October, November,
December 2015

Waupaca High School

A Note from the Principals...

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2015

We are already almost halfway through the first quarter; we must be having fun because time is really flying! We hope that this time has been fun for your high school student and for you as a family, but more importantly, we hope that your son or daughter is learning the things that they need to be successful in their life beyond high school.

Our testing schedule this year is still very busy, but we have been given a break from having to do the Aspire test in the fall with our freshmen like we had to last year. All of our major, state mandated testing occurs in the spring, and there will be a lot of it just like last year. For now, we are doing MAP testing with freshmen and sophomores, but they are used to that testing as they have been doing it for many years.

Please make sure that you can log in to Infinite Campus and that you check it regularly. Your student should know how to do this, many teachers make checking their grades and attendance a regular activity in class. If you do not have access at home, you can get on Infinite Campus anywhere you have internet access; at the public library, on your phone, even in some cars now days! Your child can also print out their status. Make sure you are staying up to date with how they are doing and contact teachers any time you have questions or concerns. We want you to be involved in your child's education, and checking Infinite Campus regularly is the single best way to do that.

We have a lot of great sports, music, and academic events going on all the time, come to school and show your Comet Pride! We look forward to seeing you!

Mr. C. Robert Becker

Principal

Mr. Carl Eggebrecht

Principal/Athletic Director

The PBIS Committee would like to send 'Thanks' to Community Businesses:

Waupaca High School is in the second official year of implementing PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports). We have had the pleasure of working with and receiving donations and contributions from a couple of local businesses. We would like to send a sincere thank you to the Waupaca Piz-za Hut on Fulton Street, and The Paint Store located on South Washington Street. The pizza donations will be used as acknowledgments for positive behavior by students. The paint will be used to put up "The Waupaca Way" logo and to create unique, student submitted murals on several walls of WHS. Again, we thank you for your contribution to the students of Waupaca High School and the PBIS District Initiative.

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Dates To Remember

- **October 6—Picture Retakes**
- **October 21—Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-5:30**
- **October 21—Junior Night -5:30pm**
- **October 30— Early Dismissal, End of First Quarter**
- **November 4—Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- **Financial Aid Night November 18 @ 5:30**
- **November 25-27 Thanksgiving Break No School**
- **November 30—No School—Staff Development**
- **December 23—Early Dismissal**
- **December 24 to January 1—Winter Break No School**

Notes from the Main Office...

Security! Security! Security!



Here is an annual reminder of what you need to do when entering the building:

1. Come in through the outside handicap door.
2. Inside the handicap door to the left is the buzzer/intercom. Push the button and wait to be greeted.
3. State who you are and what the purpose of your visit is, or you will be asked.
4. Only the handicap door will unlock. After being “buzzed” in, please register in the main office and get a visitor badge.

Picture I.D. badges are another important security aspect of the school. You will notice all staff, including coaches, have on picture I.D. badges. Just as staff are expected to wear badges, we require our visitors to wear a badge as well. In order to keep track of who is in the building, we require visitors to exchange a personal item for a visitor badge. (We ask that the item be something you wouldn't want to leave behind, such as car keys, a license, etc.) Before leaving, the visitor may turn in the badge in return for his/her personal item. This is an easy way for us to monitor who is in the building and who has left.



Please keep in mind these security measures are to protect your child(ren). We appreciate your cooperation!

—WHS Office Staff

WHO SHOULD YOU CALL?

Please be aware that each office has a different phone number!

Main Office

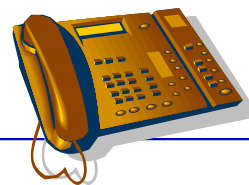
715.258.4131

- * Calling for a principal
- * Calling for a staff member
- * Messages for students (only if absolutely needed). Students are only called 4th and 8th hour, unless it is an emergency. It is not guaranteed students will get the message.
- * Sports related questions
- * Calling for the Guidance Office
- * Miscellaneous questions

Attendance Office

715.258.4511

- * Student is sick and staying home
- * Student is arriving late
- * Questions regarding pre-arranged absences
- * Received a phone call regarding unexcused absences
- * Student needs to leave for court/social services appt.
- * Homework Requests



Nurse's Office

715.258.4510

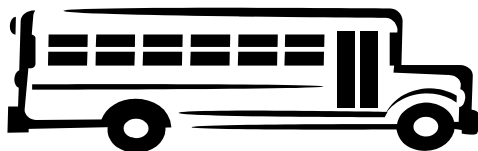
- * Student needs to leave for a medical appointment
- * Health concerns
- * Medications

Messages for Students, Phone Calls, & Cell Phones...What's the Policy?

Parents, please be aware that messages left for students are not guaranteed to reach your child. Students are only called into the office during announcements which are made 4th and 8th hour, unless it is an emergency. Students also will not be pulled from class unless there is an emergency. Please keep this in mind when leaving messages for your child or dropping off homework, personal items, etc.

Students will not be allowed to use office phones unless there is an emergency. There is a payphone for student use. Students may also ask a friend to borrow a cell phone if it does not interfere with the friend missing class time. Please do not expect the office staff to allow your child to use the phone.

Cell phones are allowed to be used appropriately before/after school and during lunch/passing times. Teachers have individual rules regarding cell phones in their classrooms, and also have the authority to confiscate phones when needed. Please refrain from texting your child during class time.



BUS PASSES

At 3:10.....

Student: "I need a bus pass."

Office: "Do you have a note from a parent?"

Student: "Uhhhh....."

Who needs a bus pass?

- students who do not usually ride a bus
- students who are riding a different bus than normal

How does a student get a bus pass?

- the student needs written permission from a parent stating what bus he/she will be riding, who he/she will be riding with or why he/she needs to ride the bus (if he/she doesn't usually ride)—parents may also call to give permission
- the student brings the permission note into the main office and a bus pass is written out

Students must give their pass to the bus driver.

Students should get their bus passes before 3:15 to ensure they will make it on their bus. Late requests will not be granted.

Calls may be made to parents to verify permission.

If you have any questions, call the main office or the bus garage (258-4155).

Parking Permits...Everybody Needs 'em!!!

All students who use the parking lot at school are required to purchase a parking permit for \$1 in the main office. This includes students who may not park every day or who start parking half way through the year. A new permit needs to be purchased every year. Last year's red, white and blue permits are no longer valid!

All students are required to park in the student parking lot which is located on the King Rd. side of school. Students arriving after 8:10 should park in the blue lines on the highway side of the school. No student should park in the staff or visitor parking spaces. Students failing to follow the parking guidelines will be warned and could have their parking privileges taken away.

As winter approaches, that means some students will choose to ride their snowmobile to school. Snowmobiles also need to be registered in the main office under a current permit or by purchasing a new parking permit!



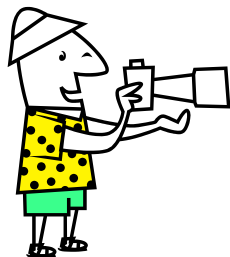
Snowmobile riders need to follow the same rules designated for vehicles or privileges will be taken away!



Remember these dates!

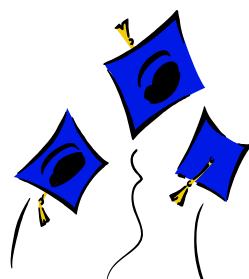


October 19	Jostens—Senior grad orders introduction during homeroom
October 23	Jostens—Senior grad orders during lunch



PICTURE RETAKES

Lifetouch will be at Waupaca High School on Tuesday, October 6, for portrait retakes—bring your picture package. If you missed the opportunity to have pictures taken earlier this year and want to order a picture package, bring an order form and exact payment made out to LifeTouch. Students who have not yet had their picture taken should have one taken for their id badge.



CLASS OF 2016 GRADUATION

The class of 2016 graduation ceremony will be held on **Sunday, May 29, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Health Enhancement Center.

Need sports schedules or calendar events?

Go to the [WHS home page](#) and on the right-hand side, click on **“RSchool Today Calendar”**



Reminder:

Winter sports parent meeting at 5:15 P.M. in the Community Room
Tuesday, October 27

Spring sports parents meeting at 5:15 P.M. in the Community Room
Tuesday, February 23

The winter meeting is for any parent/guardian of a student involved in winter cheerleading, basketball, hockey or wrestling **that has not already attended the fall meeting or viewed the video for the 2015-2016 school year.** The video is available to view during the hours of 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on any school day if you cannot make the meeting.

The Counseling Corner

Mr. Riegert (A-L)

Mr. Dolski (M-Z)

Ms. Tews, Secretary/Registrar

Seniors:

*If you have not had a credit check, please schedule an appointment with your counselor ASAP!

*Remember to check the high school website for updated scholarship opportunities.

*If you haven't taken the ACT, register for the next test date (December 12th). If you plan to attend a Technical School you need to take the ACCUPLACER.

*Remember your admission status is contingent upon SUCCESSFUL completion of your senior year.

***FINANCIAL AID NIGHT, November 18 at 5:30 P.M. in the PAC**

Juniors:

*Sign up for the PSAT to be held October 14. We encourage all college-bound juniors to register. In addition to National Merit Scholarships, this is a great practice test. Cost is \$15.00.

*Junior night will take place on October 21, from 5:30-6:30 in the IMC. More information to come. (Also see Junior section at bottom of the page.)

*All Juniors will take the ACT at the high school on March 1 and the Workkeys on March 2.

Sophomores:

*Parents, this spring you will receive an invite for a sophomore conference to develop a specific plan for your student's future.

Freshmen:

*We hope you've had a GREAT start to your high school career! Please stop in to get to know your counselor.

ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)	Photo Upload Deadline
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015	Sept. 19-Oct. 2	Sept 4
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 7-20	December 4, 2015
February 6, 2016	January 8, 2016	January 9-15	January 29, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 5-18	April 1, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 7-20	June 3, 2016

Cost \$39.50(no writing), \$56.50 (plus writing). If you receive free/reduced lunch, fee waivers are available. Ask your counselor.

ATTENTION ALL JUNIORS!!!!

What will I do after I graduate? College? Tech School? Military? Work?

It is never too early to prepare for the next step after high school. In order to help prepare our students for the post-secondary opportunities available we will be hosting a **Junior Night** to be held in the PAC on **October 21 at 5:30 P.M.**

- o Planning for 2 and 4 year colleges
- o Entrance exam requirements
- o High school course selection, CAPP options
- o Financial aid and scholarships
- o Military and world of work

This conference will be taking place during the scheduled parent/teacher conferences. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about options for your future!

Waupaca High School Scholarship Foundation

This past spring, the Waupaca High School Scholarship Foundation awarded scholarships to graduating seniors who are attending universities and technical colleges this fall. With the rise of tuition our graduating seniors continue to face financial issues. Your contribution will help ease the stress they and their families face. More importantly, students who receive scholarships feel a strong sense of accomplishment and gain confidence as they head out into the world. Here is a simple way to contribute to the future of our students:

****Make a "tax deductible" cash donation to the WHS Scholarship Foundation at the high school office.**

The Waupaca High School Scholarship Foundation appreciates the financial support our community has demonstrated over the years and looks forward to its future contributions.

CAREER PATHWAYS

Are you having problems deciding what you want to do with your future? Perhaps you would like to know which courses to take that would be helpful to your post-secondary education needs. Maybe you're looking for the perfect college, university or technical school...



Check out www.wicareerpathways.org

Login to Your Future!

Tired of hearing the question, "What are you going to do after high school?" To help you answer this question, Waupaca High School offers you **CareerLocker**, formerly **WISCareers**. **CareerLocker** has tools to assist you in making informed decisions about your future career and education.

CareerLocker features include:

- **700+ Occupations:** You will find occupations to match your interests, skills, values, or budget from a database of over 700 occupations. You will also find salary information, employment outlook, and education path for the occupations you find most interesting/suitable.
- **4000+ Post-secondary Schools:** You may conduct a college/vocational training school search to match your interests and needs from a database of over 4,000 educational institutions nationwide. School information is directly linked to college home pages, campus maps, and **online college applications!**
- **Budget Program:** You can build a budget based on your individual needs and financial resources. In addition, **CareerLocker** includes several resources to help you apply for **Financial Aid**.
- **Job Seeking Tools:** Tools are available to help you create a resume and career portfolio as well as access information about Wisconsin employers and their current job listings.
- **Use on any Internet-ready computer:** With personal passwords and the ability to save information, you can also look at the **CareerLocker** site at home with your parents, at the library, etc.



The **CareerLocker** site can be accessed through the Internet at <http://careerlocker.com>

*****See Mrs. Kosobucki in the main office for your login information and login to your future.**

Yearbook and Senior Portraits

This year the Crystal (Official yearbook for Waupaca High School) will produce the 94th edition. To reserve your yearbook, go to Jostens.com and order online. The price of the yearbook is \$55 dollars until the October 30. Personalization is extra. After that the price increases to \$60 per copy. Each senior may submit a senior photo for the book. If no picture is submitted, then the school ID photo will be used. Here are the guidelines for submitting a senior portrait:

1. Due by the end of October for best results. Photos submitted after November 13th cannot be guaranteed in the publication.
2. Head and shoulder shots. No full body shots which means no knees, hips or reclining positions.
3. No hats, props or animals.
4. If the clothes are not school appropriate, then the clothes are not yearbook appropriate (no references to drugs, alcohol, etc.)
5. Color photos only. No Black and White or Sepia tones.
6. Submit the photos electronically if possible in highest resolution as possible and large size. We will crop the pictures to a vertical format.
7. Cell phone selfies are not allowed.

If the photo does not conform to the guidelines, your school ID picture will be used.

Submit photos by e mail to polo@waupacaschools.org or bring them to Mark Polebitski (room 1225) on either a CD/DVD or flash drive. An electronic version is preferred, but we can scan in a paper copy if that is what is available. If you have any question, contact Mark Polebitski.

Below is an example



Wrong Way



Right Way

YEARBOOKS



Now is the time to order your yearbook. The cost for your yearbook is \$55 per copy, not including any extras.

The Waupaca High School Yearbook — To order your 2015-16 Waupaca High School yearbook, navigate to <http://jostens.com> and choose 'Yearbook' from the menu.

Yearbooks need to be ordered online or order forms can be mailed direct to Jostens. Please do not bring order forms to the school office as we cannot accept them.

Extra order forms can be found in the main office.

Yearbook Graduation Advertisements



Parents who would like to order a graduation advertisement for their son or daughter, please contact Mr. Polebitski. All graduation ads are full color. Each page in the yearbook is 8.5" wide by 11" tall. The graduation ads come in 1/4 page (\$50) or 1/8 page (\$25) sizes. To submit your order, do one of the following:

Mail your order to:

Waupaca High School
C/O Mark Polebitski-Yearbook Advisor
E2325 King Rd.
Waupaca, WI 54981

or

Send the order information via electronic mail to polo@waupacaschools.org

If mailing the order, please include any images. We will scan the images and mail them back to you. Otherwise, send the images via electronic mail. Electronic images are preferred if possible.

The deadline for ordering your graduation ad is January 30th. Checks should be made payable to Waupaca High School.

Waupaca High School Music Department Presents:

*Thursday, November 5th
7:00pm*

*Friday, November 6th
7:00pm*

*Saturday, November 7th
7:00pm*

*Sunday, November 8th
2:30pm*

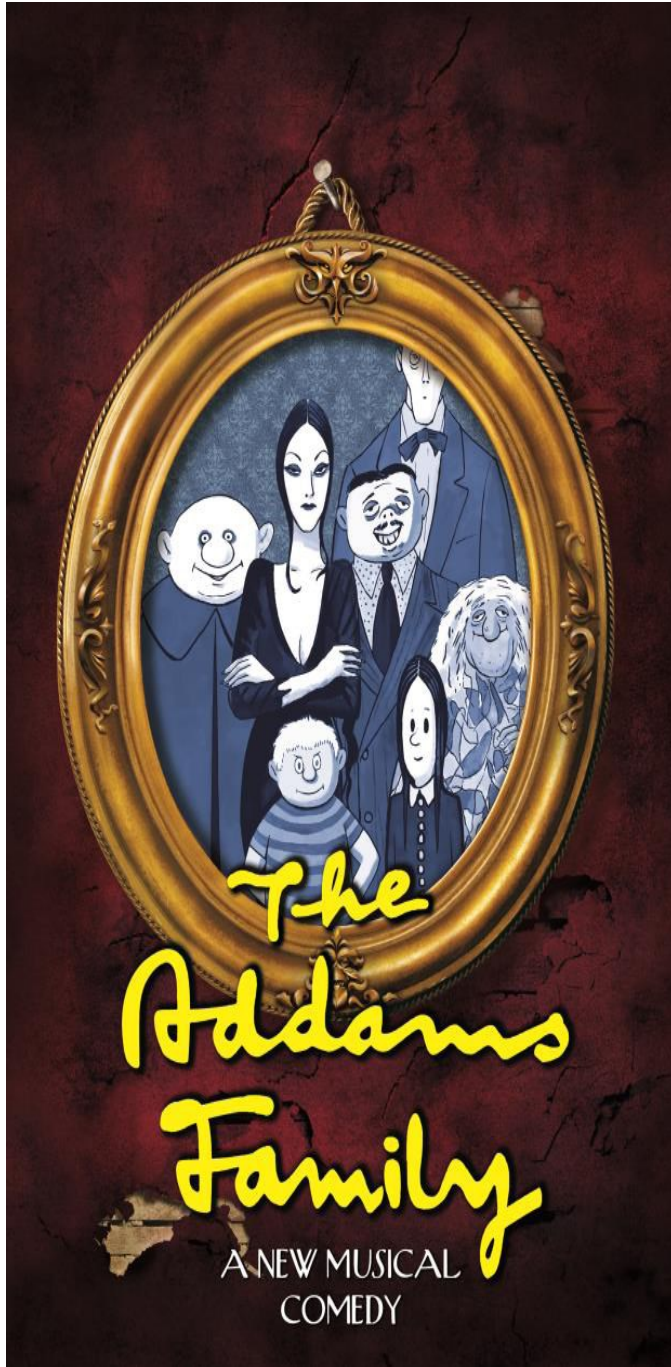
*Waupaca High School
Performing Arts Center*

*Tickets: All Seats: \$8.00
Senior Citizen Half Price
Discount Thursday &
Sunday: \$4.00*

*Tickets will be available
by contacting Waupaca
High School*

258-4131 ex. 1101

All Seats Reserved



'Leaf' it to Student Council!



Do you know of an elderly or handicapped person who needs help raking leaves this fall? The WHS Student Council is willing to lend a hand. On Sunday, October 25th, between 1:00-4:00pm, Student Council members will be raking leaves for community members in need. For more information, call Mrs. Cummings at the high school, 258-4131 ext 1117.

WHS Student Council Sponsors Kids' Day for Halloween

The Student Council will again sponsor Kids' Day for students in kindergarten-4th grade on Friday, October 30st. We are excited to invite the children to the high school that afternoon for some Halloween crafts, games, snacks, and a movie.

The second week in October, the WHS Student Council will send home registration fliers with all of the elementary children which will give more details. Spots fill up quickly, so if your child wants to attend, send in the registration form right away! It will be a frightfully fun afternoon!



Student Council Members for 2015-2016

President: Nikky Weise

Vice-President: Rob Durfee

Secretary: Taylor Korth

Treasurer: Kaylee Schmid

Freshmen:

Hannah Baumgart
Chloe Buster
Grant Fass
Sydney Hansen
Derek Hoolihan
Morgan Johnson
Hayden Walkush

Sophomores:

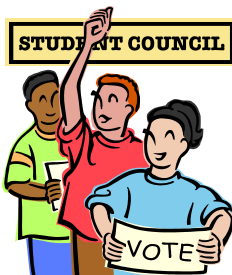
Brett Hanke
Katlyn Petrovs
Bailey Seefeldt
Alyssa Townsend
Nathan Wachsmuth
Mary Zelinske

Juniors:

Doug Byers
Larkin Hooker-Moericke
Zoe Johnson
Grace Koch
Max Menzies
Micah Meza
Hayden Neidert

Seniors:

Jennifer Annen
Cheyenne Bennett
Madison Hansen
Taylor Nelson
Christian Overman
Kayla Pennebecker



Forensics Schedule 15-16

- January 6 In-house Practice Tournament
9 Tournament @ Amherst
16 Tournament @ Denmark
23 Tournament @ Oshkosh North
30 Tournament @ Appleton East
- February 6 Tournament @ Winneconne
13 Tournament @ Hortonville
15 Tournament @ Conference to be Determined
20 Tournament @ Kaukauna
27 Tournament @ Durand
- March 11 Tournament @ New London GBCFL Congress Qualifiers
12 Tournament @ New London
13 Tournament @ Little Chute GBCLF Qualifiers
19 Tournament @ Waupaca Home Tournament
- April 2 Tournament @ UW-Whitewater WFCB State
- May 26-30 Sacramento NCFL National Tournament

***Sub-district and District dates to be determined.



FBLA

FBLA stands for the "Future Business Leaders of America." FBLA is excited to announce that we will be participating in conferences and competitions this year. You might ask us, what is FBLA? FBLA is a non-profit organization for students interested in pursuing a career in business. In America, there are over 250,000 members in over 13,000 nation chapters in FBLA-PBL. FBLA encourages students to participate and be a part of one of the largest student organizations in the country. In FBLA, students get to travel, compete and of course have fun! Join our organization and learn all about the subjects and obstacles of business.

FBLA will be meeting once a week in Mrs. Duda's room (1229) at 7:30 A.M. New members are always welcome. Please contact Mrs. Duda if you are interested in joining or have questions about the club's activities!

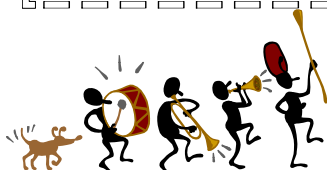




Thank You!

The students from Mrs. Trice's room want to thank you for the gently used school supplies that you donated at the end of last school year. In August, the Waupaca Lioness donated new supplies and packaged everything into 78 packs weighing 256 pounds, WOW! The packs were then distributed by the Waupaca Food Pantry.

We will be collecting used school supplies again at the end of this school year. Please give away, not throw away! If you have any questions, contact someone in room 2116.



Instrumental Music Department Presents Fall Concert



High School Bands in Performance

The High School bands will present their first concert of the school year on Thursday, November 19th at 7:30 pm in the PAC. The Wind Ensemble and Concert Band under the direction of Mark Kryshak, Kira Morrissey and new student teacher Michelle Pehler from UWSP will present both traditional selections and thematic music of the season that will test the skills of this year's musicians. The concert is free of charge and open to the public.

During November through March the Pep Band will be performing at home basketball games and warming up the fans before and during each game.

On December 7th, the Wind Ensemble will help commemorate the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor by performing at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King. The annual ceremony will begin at 11:00 am with the Wind Ensemble performing both prior to the event as well as during the ceremony.

The department's two Jazz Ensembles, Jazz Combo and Dixieland Band have begun 7 am rehearsals as follows; Monday – C.B. Jazz Band, Tuesday Jazz Combo, Wednesday Dixieland Band and Thursday W.E. Jazz Band. The freshman Jazz Band (C.B. Jazz) is still seeking additional members. Please contact Mr. Kryshak for more information.

All of the directors have an exciting year planned for these musicians and are looking forward to the concert season.



WORK PERMITS

*****Student must be present to sign permit*****

- ♦ **One of the following: Birth certificate or Baptismal certificate or Drivers license, TEMPS NOW ACCEPTED, Passport**
- ♦ Note from employer stating **what you will be doing (must include name, address, phone number and specific job duties)**
- ♦ **Permission note** from parent/guardian indicating their permission for you to work for that particular employer and doing the **specific job** you were hired for (**note must state employer name and job duties of minor**) fill out below
- ♦ **Social security card or letter from Social Security office (stamped)**
- ♦ **\$10* fee** paid for by employer – if you pay they must **reimburse** you. **Cost has increased*

I give my son/daughter _____ permission to work at _____. Their job duties will be the following _____.

Students Address _____

Do parents own this business? Y/N

Is the student a HS graduate? Y/N

Is the student working here for restitution? Y/N (restitution = court appointed work)

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Date _____

Cindy Ikert-Main Office

715-258-4131

920-765-0246 (cell)

Amy TeBeest-Attendance Office

715-258-4511

715-412-1437 (cell)



WORK PERMITS ARE NOW PROCESSED ONLINE – YOU MUST COME TO THE HIGH SCHOOL

REMINDER: Other area schools have permit officers. During the summer you will have to call one of the cell phones listed and make an appointment.



The following are commonly asked questions about work permits

Q: What information is needed to obtain a permit?

One of the following forms of proof of age: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, valid WI license/WI photo ID. **Temps** are now accepted.

Original Social Security **Card** or **letter** from Social Security Administration.

Letter from employer with name of business, address, phone number, position hired for and duties that minor will be performing.

Note from parent giving student permission to work at specific place (must include job responsibilities)

\$10 fee (must be reimbursed by employer)

Q: Do students need to get a permit before they get a job and at what age can they get/need a permit?

A: Permits are not obtained until after a student has been hired. They need to be 14 years old and need a permit until they reach the age of 18.

Q: Do students need to obtain a permit for every place of employment and do the permits expire?

A: Yes, students need a permit for each employer.

Q: Does the parent or the student sign the permit?

A: The student must sign the permit.

Q: Can copies of the documents (SS card, birth/baptismal certificate) be used?

A: No, you must have originals to obtain a permit. If you are unable to find your originals then you must obtain new ones. A stamped letter proving that you applied for a new card can be used in place of the SS card.

Q: Do work permits expire?

A: If minors are returning to a job they held last summer, they may not need a new work permit. If the employer let them go last year with a promise of work in the following summer, they **DO NOT need a new permit. However if the employer clearly ended the work relationship at the end of last summer and the minor had to reapply for work, this is a new work relationship and a new work permit is needed.**

The number to call during school days (7:30-3:30) is 258-4131.

Once you have your letter of hire gather your needed documents and bring them to Mrs. Ikert or Mrs. TeBeest at the high school, or call for an appointment. Other schools also have permit officers that can assist you. You must have all required documents.

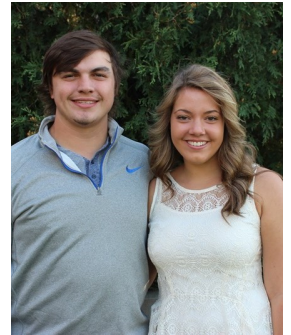


Homecoming Court 2015



**Brenna Neumann &
Christian Overman**

**Haley Glass &
Walker Smith**



King & Queen



**Brenna Oleson &
Elliot Crisman**



Abby Dremel & Cannon Hermanson

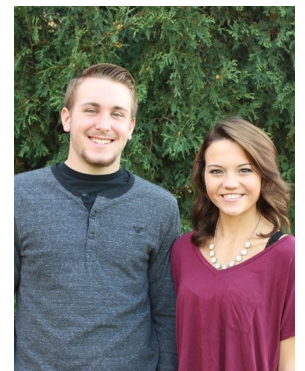


**Claire Jungers &
Jakob Stedman**



**Nicole Weise &
Matt Pliska**

**Brooklyn Rohloff &
Nathan Meihak**



Ma & Pa Comet

**Mrs. Meihak &
Mr. Koll**