

Sunday, May 15, 2022, WDHS Family Update

Hello Everyone,

I think the common theme last week, at least as far as the weather was concerned, was "What happened to Spring?" Happily, it appears that we will get a dose of spring this week and that will be welcome after the heat blast we just experienced.

In the meantime, we are plugging away to wrap things up before the year concludes, next Wednesday for seniors and the Friday after Memorial Day for the rest of us.

Have a great week,

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Covid, Masks, Contact Tracing...

Included in the positive case notification report on Jan 17 were the new district guidelines/protocols for our Covid response. The link below has been updated with the new guidance.

[2022.01.17 Updated SDWD Protocols](#)

Spring Sports Season (Update)

It was a warm one on Friday for the return of the Heather Johnson Track & Field Invitational, but at least we were able to wrap it up before the rain began. It was also nice to host our first large-scale invite on the new track. Looking ahead to this week, they will be in Wautoma for the SCC Championships. Golf is hosting 23 schools at Wild Rock on Monday before they head to the Reedsburg Country Club on Tuesday for their Conference Championship meet. Finally, Baseball wraps up their conference round robins, hosting Nekoosa (Tuesday) and Wautoma (Thursday). The boys are in the conference championship hunt and these are big games that will decide final standings. Finally, Softball begins their WIAA Tournament on Thursday with their opponent still TBD. Good luck to all of our student athletes.

Check out the WDHS Athletics Website: dellsathletics.com or go to the District-wide Sports and Activities Calendar: [SDWD Activities Calendar](#) hosted by rSchool.

2022 WDHS Graduation

1. Friday, May 27 @ 5:30 PM
2. Senior Graduation Rehearsal @ 10:00 AM
3. <https://youtu.be/a2qdoLLQh14>
4. Location Plan A
 - a. Weather permitting, the ceremony will be on the track with guests seated in the bleachers
 - b. Gates will open at 4:30 PM
 - c. Graduates should also report to the Commons at 4:30 for a class picture.
 - d. Please use only the main entrance by the ticket booth.
5. Location Plan B
 - a. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be in the gym with guests seated only in the bleachers or around the track.
 - b. If this occurs, graduates will be permitted up to 10 guests (this is not due to any Covid restriction but based on comfortable seating capacity of 1300 for 130 graduates).
 - c. Doors will open at 4:30 PM.

Standards-Based Grading for Learning

Beginning with next school year, Wisconsin Dells High School will be making the shift from the 100-point grading scale to a Standards-Based grading scale. The work on this task began in January 2021 and continues in earnest through the rest of this year and into the summer. Students will still earn a letter grade, earn laude points, and have a calculated GPA. What will change is how those are calculated so that instead of a grade being based on points, it will be based on proficiency by standards. This is similar to what has been happening in elementary over the past decade and in middle school math over the last several years. In support of this transition, we have created an informational page on the WDHS website. One can access that site [here](#). More information will be added to the site over the next month and throughout the summer. We will also have in-person Q&A sessions before school starts.

Summer Learning Opportunities through UW-Platteville

UW-Platteville will provide transportation, even coming to the Dells and taking students back to the UW-Platteville campus.

Many folks may not realize it but a few years ago all of the 2-year UW Centers (Baraboo, Richland Center, etc.) were partnered with a four-year university within the system. UW-Baraboo is now overseen by UW-Platteville. They have some summer opportunities to share with families within their region.

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville is excited to share the below opportunities. Please see the attached brochures on the FREE summer programs we are hosting for students this summer. Our programs are for students with academic potential who self-identify as one or more of the following: low income, African American/Black, American Indian/Native American, Asian American, Chicano/a, Puerto Rican, Latinx.

Pre-College Academy is a two-week residential camp that is college preparatory in nature. Students will attend a variety of sessions that enhances their academic and cultural awareness. Sessions will focus on college readiness, math and English enrichment, financial literacy, networking, and personal development. Students will be exposed to a variety of major and career options, and will have an opportunity to explore cultural enrichments in workshops during the program in the arts, technology and athletics. <https://www.uwplatt.edu/pre-college>

STEM Discovery is a one-week residential summer program in which students are provided hands-on opportunities to explore and discover a variety of science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines. Students will also have a daily college readiness session. <https://www.uwplatt.edu/stem-discovery>