District welcomes new administrators, staff

Three new administrators are beginning the 2019-20 school year as leaders in new roles in Walled Lake Schools. We are happy to welcome them and know they will serve our children, families, staff and community well. They are:

- **Catherine Kochanski**, assistant superintendent of Learning Services, who was the principal at Baldwin Elementary School in Rochester Public Schools.
- **Jacquelyn Smith**, supervisor of Special Services, who was the assistant director of Student Services and Special Education in Niles Township High School District 219 in suburban Chicago.
- **Seth Taboh**, principal at Walnut Creek Middle School, pending Board approval. He has been the assistant principal at WL Western High School since the spring and, prior to that, assistant principal at Milford High School.

The District also welcomes many new teachers and new support staff members.

District sells bonds, conducts Dublin Elementary, WL Western High School stakeholder meetings

The Michigan investment banking office of the brokerage firm, Stifel, conducted a successful sale of Walled Lake Schools 2019 School Building and Site Bonds in the amount of $54,420,000 in June.

Also in June, stakeholder feedback sessions were conducted at Dublin Elementary and WL Western High School to gain valuable input regarding the new elementary and significantly renovated high school that the District will be working on following the passage of the $316 million Building, Infrastructure and Equity bond on May 7.

“With this first bond sale and well-attended stakeholder meetings, Walled Lake Schools is poised to begin the arduous planning for the bond projects to improve our schools. This bond will positively impact all of the Walled Lake Schools facilities and the community support is a clear indication that our residents want to invest in our facilities and learning environments so we may better prepare our children for the future,” **Kenneth Gutman**, superintendent, said.

Although the community will not see construction beginning until 2020, significant planning, additional meetings, specification preparation and bidding will begin on the Early Childhood Center and other schools included in the first phase of construction.

WL Western therapy dog goes back-to-school

WL Western High School will officially welcome Dakoda, the WL Western therapy dog on Thursday, Aug. 29 at its first football game.

**Beth Chuba**, WL Western teacher, will serve as Dakoda’s host family and staff will be trained on working with Dakoda on Aug. 26, prior to the start of school.

**Ali Hamka**, WL Western principal, said: “Welcoming Dakoda into our school is an intentional strategy to proactively address the social emotional issues, facing our students. Our hope is to positively impact the climate of the building for everyone and to assist those who need help.”

**Ann Gray**, social worker who has led the program for the school, said: “Dakoda has completed more than 10 months of training and is ready to begin assisting students in diminishing their level of anxiety and increasing their self-esteem.”

WL Central’s Beltramo gets perfect ACT score

Walled Lake Schools is proud to recognize **Carrina Beltramo**, WL Central High School senior, for earning a perfect score of 36 on her ACT.

Beltramo hopes to attend the University of Michigan to pursue a degree in engineering. She is the daughter of Jody Hribar and Joel Beltramo.
**Every Child, Every Day!**

All elementary schools offer all-day, everyday kindergarten.

**Bus Evacuation Days**

The Michigan Department of Education recommends that all school districts practice emergency bus evacuations. These drills help us prepare for an emergency evacuation from the bus. These dates will be posted on the Transportation page of the District’s website.

[www.wlcsd.org/parents/bus-routes-transportation/](http://www.wlcsd.org/parents/bus-routes-transportation/)
District invites community to three October Open House events

For the fourth year, Walled Lake Consolidated School District welcomes the community to visit our schools. Our three Open House event dates are:

- **Elementary Open House** - Tuesday, Oct. 22, 6-8 p.m.
- **Middle School Open House** - Wednesday, Oct. 23, 6-8 p.m.
- **High School Open House** - Thursday, Oct. 24, 6-8 p.m.

The invitation to visit our schools is for the community, senior citizens, realtors and parents who are seeking the best educational options for their children and anyone interested in meeting and talking with Walled Lake Schools staff, students and parents.

“We want to open our doors to our community that has supported the District for decades. We have amazing academics, athletics, fine and performing arts, band, orchestra and choir programs, the International Baccalaureate Program, special services and so much more,” said Superintendent Kenneth Gutman.

Our District philosophy of every child, every day, means vigilant collaboration with parents, staff and community, on behalf of our children to ensure they reach their highest potential. Bring your family and see every child, every day in action in October.

Career/Technical Education opportunities available in Walled Lake Schools

Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes are offered at all three high schools in Walled Lake. In addition, some students also take courses at the Oakland Schools Technical Campus-Southwest (OSTC-SW.)

CTE programs prepare students for a broad range of post-secondary educational opportunities, technical training and employment. CTE classes are taught by certified teachers and are supported by high school counselors and central office administrative staff.

Programs include:
- Architectural Drafting
- Business Law
- CISCO Network Programming
- Computer Accounting
- Computer Management
- Computer Programming
- Engineering Drafting
- Finance and Financial Literacy
- High-Tech Intern
- Introduction to Business
- Marketing
- Web Design

Some CTE classes provide potential credit with Oakland County Community College, and may fulfill the fourth year math-related or third year science courses. In addition, CTE students may choose a work/study program (Co-Op) which provides opportunities to apply skills learned in the classroom in real-world work situations.

Students work with their high school counselors to identify CTE programs that are of interest and to make certain prerequisite courses have been completed. The complete list of CTE courses is available on the high schools’ websites under Program of Studies, located via the Academics tab. The OSTC-SW courses can be found at [www.ostconline.com](http://www.ostconline.com).

Like all educational programs and employment in Walled Lake, the CTE program follows the District’s policies of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, marital status or genetic information. In addition, for students who are English Language Learners, arrangements can be made for their participation so that English language skills are not a barrier to admission or participation.

General information about these programs is available from Dr. Lora Stout, director of community education, professional development and grants, by e-mail, lorastout@wlcsd.org or by phone at 248-956-2000. Interested students should speak with their counselor or with a CTE teacher in the high schools.

Wall of Fame nominations now being accepted

The District is seeking nominees for the Wall of Fame. Individuals recognized on the Wall of Fame have made extraordinary contributions to the people and communities of Walled Lake Schools. Those eligible must have lived, worked or contributed to the enrichment of Walled Lake Schools. Those eligible must have lived, worked or contributed to the enrichment of the people and communities of Walled Lake Schools. In addition, CTE students may choose a work/study program (Co-Op) which provides opportunities to apply skills learned in the classroom in real-world work situations.

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Being aware of food allergies can save lives

As parents prepare to send their children back to school, we want to remind them that food allergies are a serious medical condition. In fact, they can be life threatening.

There are about 1.5 million people nationwide with peanut allergies.

Tips for Students:
- Don’t share your food with food-allergic friends.
- Wash hands after eating.
- Ask what your friends are allergic to and help them avoid it.
- If an allergic classmate becomes ill, get help immediately.

For more information on food allergies, visit [www.foodallergy.org](http://www.foodallergy.org).

Outrun Hunger 5K

The 8th Annual Outrun Hunger 5K fun run/walk is scheduled for: **Saturday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m.**, 8600 PGA Drive Commerce Township, MI.

**Entry Fees:**
- $25/adult now thru Aug. 31
- $30/adult Sept. 1 to Nov. 7
- $35/adult on race day
- $15 anytime for kids 12 and under (1 mile and 5K).

Proceeds benefit the Open Door Outreach Center and Hospitality House. For more information, go to: [www.outrunhunger.org](http://www.outrunhunger.org)

Annual Notifications

All annual notification information for the 2019-20 school year can be found online at [https://bit.ly/300KqOw](https://bit.ly/300KqOw). Sections include:
- FERPA
- Directory Information
- Non-discrimination
- McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- Parental Inspection of Instructional Materials
- Student Privacy
- Parental Access to Information
- Special Education and Section 504
- Title 1 Funds: Parent Involvement
- Child Nutrition Program
- ...and more
Plan to attend the Parenting Education Fair

Parents, educators, teachers, administrators and childcare workers are invited to the Western Oakland County Parenting Education Fair, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, November 2, 2019, at Walled Lake Northern High School (6000 Bogie Lake Rd., Commerce Twp., MI 48382.) This parenting education event is a partnership with Farmington Public Schools, Novi Community Schools, Oakland Schools, Oakland Community College, Walled Lake School District and the West Bloomfield School District.

This year’s Keynote Speaker is Brooks Gibbs. He is an award winning social skills educator who teaches students, parents and teachers how to build emotional resilience and live by the Golden Rule, and is the author of Raise Them Strong. Over 2,500 schools have hired him to speak allowing him to reach two million students face-to-face. His viral videos have amassed more than 200 million views worldwide.

Brooks’ message is relevant and his delivery is very entertaining. For more information on Brooks Gibbs, visit his website: www.brooksgibbs.com.

In addition to the keynote presentation, there is an opportunity to attend up to three breakout sessions. There are tracks for parents of pre K-5 graders, 6-12 graders and all levels. The subjects encompass: parenting effectively; internet safety and screen time limits; coping skills for kids; food tips for picky elementary eaters through high schoolers; saving for college; talking to your children about racism; talking to your children about drugs/alcohol; resolving conflict in the home, and more.

“One of the most important things we can do is to provide positive, proactive parenting for our children. I have three children who are very different, with different interests and skills, and they learn and are motivated by different things. Parenting has, without a doubt, been the toughest thing I have ever experienced, but it has also brought with it some of the greatest joys in my life. I encourage parents to seize this opportunity to attend the Parenting Education Fair to learn new information and to share your experiences with other parents,”

Kenneth Gutman, WLCS superintendent, said.

Platinum Sponsors for this event include the Chaldean News and Walled Lake PTAs and PTSA Council. Child care will be available during the entire event. Food trucks will be on-site during the lunch break.

Students enjoy many summer education programs

More than 4,000 students participated in various summer learning programs ranging from online classes to art and music camps, and more.

Over 3,500 students participated in Community Education programs, classes and camps from June through August. There were 54 summer camps offered as well as 39 summer aquatic classes.

Summer Adventures (at Walled Lake Central) is a state-licensed full-day camp for children ages 5.5-12 years of age. Campers enjoy games, hikes, art and crafts, daily swims in the pool and special guests such as the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum, the Cranbrook Mobile Planetarium, and The Animal Guy.

Camp Wannakombak (Community Education’s longest running camp - in it’s 40th year!) along with Kiddie Kamp is held at the district’s amazing Outdoor Education Center. These camps offer students hiking experiences, wildlife studies, pond studies, games, arts and crafts, fishing, and swim time in the lake.

Visual Arts Camp had 146 students participate in drawing, painting, sculpting and other classes. The annual Performing Arts Camp had 64 students learn about music through singing, percussion instruments and movement. Creating Music Camp engaged 39 students with creating and improvising music with voices and instruments. Summer Care offered at Hickory Woods, Keith, Loon Lake and Mary Helen Guest elementary schools, had 460 students.

Community Calendar

**August 22:** Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m., Educational Services Center.

**August 27:** School Resumes, Grades 1-12 students report for a full day.

Kindergarten staggered start; 1/2 students in AM & 1/2 students in PM.

**Aug. 30:** No School (Students & Staff).

**Sept. 2:** No School (Students & Staff).

No School for Labor Day observance.

**Sept. 5:** Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m., Educational Services Center.

**Sept. 7:** Marching Band Preview Show, 7 p.m., WL Central High School.

**Sept. 17:** 1/2 Day of School students.

**Sept. 20:** Homecoming football game, 7 p.m., WL Northern vs. Lakeland.

**Sept. 23:** PTSA Council meeting, 7 p.m., Loon Lake Elementary.

**Sept. 27:** Warriors for Warriors Pink Out Game, WL Western vs. Waterford Mott, 7 p.m.

**Sept. 27:** Homecoming football game, 7 p.m., WL Central vs. Cranbrook Kingswood.

**Sept. 30:** No School (Students & Staff.)

**Oct. 1:** LAYA Taste of the Lakes, 5-8 p.m., Edgewood Country Club.

**Oct. 2:** Student Count Day.

**Oct. 3:** Board of Education meeting, K-12 Art Gallery Winners and Golden Apple Awards, 7 p.m.; regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Educational Services Center.

**Oct. 4:** Salute the Troops and WL Northern Pink Out football game, 7 p.m. at WL Northern vs. WL Central.

**Oct. 4:** Homecoming football game, 7 p.m., WL Western vs. Waterford Kettering.

**Oct. 9:** No School (Students & Staff.)

**Oct. 18:** WL Central Annual Pink Out football game, 7 p.m. vs. Lakeland.

**Oct. 22:** Elementary Open House, 6-8 p.m.

**Oct. 23:** Middle School Open House, 6-8 p.m.

**Oct. 24:** High School Open House, 6-8 p.m.

**Oct. 28:** PTSA Council meeting, 7 p.m., Dublin Elementary.

**Oct. 31:** 1/2 Day of school students.

**Nov. 4:** 1/2 Day of school for middle school students, Parent Teacher Conferences. (Full day for El. & HS.)

**Nov. 5:** No School (Students & Staff.)

Election Day.

**Nov. 7:** Board of Education meeting, Golden Apple Awards, 7 p.m.; regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Educational Services Center.
FFE remains dedicated to students

The Walled Lake Schools Foundation for Excellence (FFE) remains dedicated to enriching the District’s K-12 students’ academic experience through contributions within the areas of literacy and leadership; community and diversity; science, technology, and the arts and District programs. The Foundation’s outreach has included the disbursement of more than $870,000 in mini grants during its tenure, as a result of collaboration with community and business members and their generous support. The difference made by the Foundation and community support received in 2018/19 are highlighted below:

- District educators received $21,616 in mini-grants which expanded classroom literacy libraries, funded the purchase of STEM kits and social emotional learning curriculum, provided support for the District’s K-12 art exhibit and for students to participate in the Religious Diversity Journeys Program and much more!
- The FFE’s 10th Annual Golf Scramble at Edgewood Country Club had 109 golfers and raised $26,000 to benefit the District.
- The 14th Annual FFE Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle was a meaningful event this is for them and their families.” Sponsoring Warriors for Warriors Pink Out Set

Join us for the Warriors for Warriors 9th Annual Kick Off event and Pink Out Football Game on Friday, Sept. 27. Events begin at 6 p.m. with the Survivor Parade and Jersey Honoree Ceremony immediately following. Come support the cancer warriors in our community!

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Curriculum Nights, Back-to-School events

Commerce • Teacher Meet & Greet, Mon., Aug. 26, 3:30-4:30 p.m. and Commerce Comeback, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- Curric. Night: Wed., Sept. 4 6 p.m., grade K
- Curric. Night: Wed., Sept. 4 5:45 p.m., grade 1, 6:30 p.m., grade 3, 7:15 p.m., grade 5
- Curric. Night: Wed, Sept. 11 6 p.m., grade 2, 6:45 p.m., grade 4

Dublin • School-Wide Meet & Greet, Mon., Aug. 26, 3-4 p.m.
- PTA Kindergarten Popsicles and Playtime, Mon., Aug. 26, 4-4:30 p.m.
- PTA Welcome Back Pancake Picnic, Fri., Sept. 6, 5-7 p.m.
- Curric. Night: Mon, Sept. 9 6:30-8 p.m., grades K-2
- Curric. Night: Wed, Sept. 11 6:30-8 p.m., grades 3-5

Glengary • Teacher Meet & Greet, Mon. Aug. 26, 4-5 p.m.
- Curric. Night: Wed, Sept. 11 5:30 p.m., grades K-2, 7 p.m., grades 3-5

Hickory Woods • Welcome Back Event, Mon., Aug. 26, 3-5 p.m. and Teacher Meet & Greet, 3-4 p.m.
- Curric. Night: Tues., Sept. 10 6 p.m., grade 4, 6:30 p.m., grade 1
- Curric. Night: Wed, Sept. 11 6 p.m., grade 3, 6:45 p.m., grade 2
- Curric. Night: Thur, Oct. 10 6:30 p.m., grade K

Keith • Welcome Back Popsicles on the Playground, Mon., Aug. 26, 3-5 p.m.
- Curric. Night: Mon, Sept. 9 6:30 p.m., grade K, 7 p.m., grade 1, 7:30 p.m., grade 2
- Curric. Night: Wed, Sept. 11 6:30 p.m., grade 3, 7 p.m., grade 4, 7:30 p.m., grade 5

Loon Lake • Welcome Back/Meet the Teacher, Mon., Aug. 26, 3-4:30 p.m.
- Curric. Night: Mon, Sept. 9 5:30 p.m., grade K, 6:15 p.m., grade 1, 7 p.m., grade 2
- Curric. Night: Wed, Sept. 11 5:30 p.m., grade 3, 6:15 p.m., grade 4, 7 p.m., grade 5

M.H. Guest • Playground Playdate and Fall Clean-up, Wed., Aug. 21, 5-8 p.m.
- Popsicles with the Principal & PTA, Mon., Aug. 26, 5-6 p.m.
- Fall Book Fair, Sept. 6-13
- Welcome Back Ice Cream Social, Fri., Sept. 6, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Curric. Night: Tues., Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m., grades 1-2
- Curric. Night: Wed, Sept. 11 6:30 p.m., grades 3-5
- Curric. Night: Tues, Oct. 15 6:30 p.m., grade K

Meadowbrook • Meet the Teacher, Mon. Aug. 26, 3:45 p.m. and Back to School Festival, 4:15 p.m.
- Curric. Night: Tues, Sept. 10 6:15 p.m., grade K, 6:30 p.m., grade 1, 6:45 p.m., grade 2, 7:15 p.m., grade 3, 7:30 p.m., grade 4, 7:45 p.m., grade 5

Oakley Park • Teacher Meet & Greet, Mon., Aug. 26, 2-4 p.m.
- Curric. Night: Wed, Sept. 4 6 p.m., grade 5, 6:30 p.m., grade K
- Curric. Night: Mon, Sept. 9 6 p.m., grade 3, 7 p.m., grade 2
- Curric. Night: Wed, Sept. 11 6 p.m., grade 4, 7 p.m., grade 1

Pleasant Lake • Kindergarten Meet & Greet, Fri., Aug. 23, 5-6 p.m.
- Teacher Meet & Greet, Mon., Aug. 26, 3-4 p.m.
- Curric. Night: Tues, Sept. 24 6-6:45 p.m., grades K-2
- Curric. Night: Wed, Sept. 25 6-6:45 p.m., grades 3-5

Walled Lake • Teacher Meet & Greet, Mon., Aug. 26, 3-5 p.m.
- Curric. Night: Tues, Sept. 10 6 p.m., grade K, 6:30 p.m., grade 1, 7 p.m., grade 2
- Curric. Night: Wed, Sept. 11 6 p.m., grade 3, 6:30 p.m., grade 4, 7 p.m., grade 5

Wixom • PTA Ice Cream Social and Teacher Meet & Greet, Mon., Aug. 26, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- Curric. Night: Tues, Sept. 10 5:45 p.m., grade 4, 6:30 p.m., grade 3, 7:15 p.m., grade 5
- Curric. Night: Wed, Sept. 11 5:45 p.m., grade 1, 6:30 p.m., grade ESCE, K, 7:15 p.m., grade 2

All Middle Schools: Curriculum Night: Thurs, Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m.
- Banks Blast Off, Sarah Banks MS, Mon., Aug. 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Creek Connection-It’s a Great Day to be a Hawk, Walnut Creek MS, Tues., Aug. 20, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Geisler Get Going, Geisler MS, Mon., Aug. 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Smart Start-Clifford H. Smart MS, Tues., Aug. 20, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

All High Schools: Curriculum Night: Mon., Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.

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## Important back-to-school information

### Enrollment
We invite you to enroll your child, entering grades K-12, in one of our 19 Walled Lake Schools. Your journey begins online...

1. Please visit the District’s website at [www.wlcsd.org](http://www.wlcsd.org) and click on ‘Enrollment’ to complete the online pre-enrollment process.
2. Schedule an appointment with our enrollment office at the end of the online process. Please note: If you do not have all of the required documentation, please contact the Office of Student Services at (248) 956-2086 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. previous to making an appointment.
3. Visit the enrollment office, located at the Walled Lake Schools’ Educational Services Center, 850 Ladd Rd., Building D, in Walled Lake, to finalize your child’s enrollment. We look forward to welcoming you to Walled Lake Schools!

### Immunizations up to date?
With the new school year approaching, Oakland County Health Division is reminding parents to make sure their children are up-to-date on immunizations. Pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws – 380.1177, State guidelines require that all entering students and all sixth grade students be assessed on the status of their immunizations. Students are required by the State of Michigan to have up-to-date immunizations or a statement of exemption as indicated under MCL 333.9215. Please contact your pediatrician or the Oakland County Health Division at 800-848-5533 or visit [www.oakgov.com](http://www.oakgov.com).

Immunization information is also available on our website at: [www.wlcsd.org](http://www.wlcsd.org) and click on ‘Parents, Health/Immunization Information.’

### Vision screening
All entering kindergartners are required to provide documentation of vision screening.

- Michigan law (Public Health Code, Act 368), requires vision screening, or a statement of exemption as indicated under MCL 333.9215, for kindergarten enrollment.
- Vision screening done in preschool, after age three, satisfies the requirement. Free vision screening is offered by the Oakland County Health Division. To schedule a vision screening appointment at the Oakland County Health Division, please call 248-424-7070. The Oakland County Health Division in Southfield is located at 27725 Greenfield Rd.

### Bus routes
The School District will postmark a postcard, indicating the bus number and time of pick-up/drop-off, to each currently enrolled student’s home (grades K-12), one week prior to the start of school.

- If you have not received a postcard in the mail by Aug. 23, please visit the District’s website for a complete list of Bus Routes at [www.wlcsd.BusRoutes](http://www.wlcsd.BusRoutes).

Transportation office contact information:
Phone: 248-956-3090 | Office hours: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### Emergency school closings
During the school year, it may be necessary to close schools due to freezing temperatures, ice, snow or equipment failures. Parents will receive a personal School Messenger phone call for all official school closings. Parents can also refer to the District’s website at [www.wlcsd.org](http://www.wlcsd.org) for official school closing confirmation.

### Register for preschool

#### Come grow with us!
Through active participatory learning, young children construct their knowledge of the world. Place your child in the preschool that is a part of your school district, serving families for over 30 years!

Walled Lake Schools offers preschool for children three to five years of age. Our trained staff partners with your child to discover how their world works as they think and try and wonder why, using the High Scope Curriculum.

- **Tuition-based** Preschool and PreK Academy programs for three, four and five-year-olds. Call 248-956-5080.
- **GSRP**, a program for four-year-old children whose families are income eligible. Call 248-956-5091 to see if you are eligible.
- **Head Start**, a preschool program for three and four-year-olds whose families meet income and risk requirements. Call 248-956-5089 to see if you are eligible.

Walled Lake Preschool

Register today! 248-956-5080 [wlcsd.org](http://wlcsd.org)

### Prime Time Care

**The best solution for your child’s before- and after-school child care needs!**
Prime Time Care is a State-licensed before- and after-school child care program held in each elementary school and operated by the Walled Lake Consolidated School District. This program provides a safe and secure environment for children each day and offers a wide range of activities geared for all ages from kindergarten through fifth grade. Parents express comfort in knowing their children are cared for by knowledgeable, well-trained and well-prepared staff. We also offer an after-school Teen Club child care program at each of our four middle schools.

Child care is available on a pre-registration basis and fees are assessed at a set rate for each block of time used.

Packages are also available for parents who utilize Prime Time Care on an occasional basis.

For more information on Prime Time Care and/or the Teen Club, please visit our website at: [www.wlcsd.org/cec](http://www.wlcsd.org/cec) or call us at 248-956-5110.

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**Family Access offers online information, services**

Family Access is an online communication portal that allows parents to participate in enhanced communication between school and home. This program gives parents the ability to regularly monitor their child’s academic progress, attendance, communicate with teachers, monitor food service accounts, make online payments and other pertinent information.

For more information regarding Family Access, please visit the District’s website at [www.wlcsd.org](http://www.wlcsd.org) and click on ‘Skyward Family Access.’

**Back-to-School Family Access Packet**

The District will be using the online Family Access system to automate the process for updating and completing documents such as the emergency card, FERPA form, Code of Conduct and other important annual school forms that require parental approval.

The 2019-20 Back-to-School Family Access Packet must be completed by parents, online, using Family Access, prior to the start of school.

**What Parents Need to Know...**
- Beginning August 1st, parents are to login to Family Access, using their alphanumeric parent account code, to complete the Back-to-School Family Access Packet.
- Need Help? Computer lab night is Wednesday, Aug. 7 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Walled Lake Central High School. **Arabic and Spanish translators present.**
- Parents must have a Family Access parent account code to participate in a computer lab.
- To acquire a new or lost parent account code, parents may call 248-956-2190 or email FamilyAccess@wlcsd.org.
Walled Lake Western grad creates successful career dancing, acting and more

Lindsay Janisse is a 2001 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School. She was a member of the National Honor Society, NHS, graduating 11th in her class of nearly 450 students. She was one of the captains of the varsity pom squad, and she fondly recalled her pom team taking home first place at nationals in 2000. Janisse ran the 800m dash and 400m relay for the varsity track team, taking seventh at state finals, and she beat the school record for the 800m dash.

“I participated in the school musicals under the direction of Greg Cleveland and spent most of my after school time training to dance professionally,” she said.

After graduation, Janisse spent the summer in Los Angeles on scholarship at the Edge Performing Arts Center where she made the leap and moved in the fall of 2001. “I trained under industry professionals, assisted their classes at the Edge, performed their choreography in many types of shows, and traveled abroad to places such as Korea and Iceland as a company member,” she said. Then Janisse got a call from her agent telling her she had booked the Los Angeles Company of Wicked the Musical.

“I took on the role of assistant dance captain as well as ensemble with Wicked, and to say the show changed my life is an understatement. It completely changed the trajectory of my career, and at 24-years-old, after nine months with the show in LA, I was hired as co-dance captain and dance swing of the Broadway Company. My job was to teach the show to incoming members, maintain the integrity and cleanliness of the show, and to fill in onstage whenever one of the other ensemble members were out. After two years with the Broadway company, I booked the original cast of the first national tour of Rock of Ages. I toured the country (including Detroit!) for almost a year as dance captain and ensemble,” she explained.

After leaving tour, she attended a 500-hour yoga training for Modo Yoga, and has been growing her practice and teaching yoga. She has recently become part of Modo Yoga’s mentorship program, and is dedicated to teacher development and overall growth at the studio. Janisse is still vacation swing at Wicked, and is performing in a show at the Joyce Theater in New York this summer.

“Thinking back on my time at Walled Lake Western, so many of my teachers and coaches come to mind. I had an incredible, fruitful, and inspiring education in the Walled Lake School District. A special thank you to Greg Riley for believing in me and supporting me, Joyce Spletzer for her enthusiasm and continual support throughout the years, Greg Cleveland for teaching me to sing, and Carol Starr for teaching me multiplication tricks I still use today,” Janisse said.

“My advice to today’s students is to stay curious. Be present in everything that you do. And do something you love at least once every day,” she concluded.

If you know a former student who could be highlighted in the Graduate Spotlights’ section, please contact Mark Edwards, Print and Video Technician, at 248-956-2019 or e-mail him at: MarkEdwards@wlesd.org.

Walled Lake Central graduate makes a name for herself in the music industry

CYN Nabozny aka CYN is a 2011 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School. During her time at Central, she participated in soccer, choir, musicals, and was also an exchange student in Germany through the German Exchange program.

Following graduation from WL Central, she received her core business credits from Harold Washington Community College in Chicago, and then transferred to DePaul University where she earned a bachelor’s degree in business.

Although she completed college, producing music was always her passion. Since graduating college, she started sharing her covers through the music sharing site, Soundcloud. CYN’s music started to gain traction online, and her career took off. “I was able to set up meetings with Katy Perry and after discussing my goals and dreams, I played some original music on Katy’s piano. Following that meeting, I formally signed a recording agreement with Katy’s music label Unsub Records,” said CYN.

CYN has had success collaborating with massive brands from the likes of CHANEL and Prada, and has performed on extensive domestic music tours. She even performed a song in the major motion picture, “Smallfoot.” Her music has garnered millions of plays across YouTube, Spotify, and other various streaming platforms. Despite all of her success, she considers speaking at Walnut Creek Middle School’s 2019 graduation ceremony to be her most outstanding achievement yet.

She admits that high school was the most difficult phase of her life thus far and she looks forward to helping young people in the future. She mentions her middle school teacher Mrs. Catherine DeVries as being a true positive influence in her life. She added, “Through tough love, Mrs. DeVries helped me become more organized and disciplined. I went from being a D student to having a 4.0 grade point average. I will never forget how she encouraged and celebrated my writing ability when it felt like no one else did.”

In her free time, CYN enjoys traveling, trying new restaurants and hanging out with her girlfriends. She loves the art of expression and likes to paint and write short stories. She added, “I love to explore museums and watch documentaries on fine art, culture, and history. Above all, music is my passion, and I feel very grateful to be able to say it is my job. I get to write songs and perform music almost every single day.”
Walled Lake 2019-20 High School Performing Arts, Community Performances & Events

2019 Homecoming & Pink Out Football Games

- Walled Lake Northern HS, Homecoming - Sept. 20, 7 p.m.
- Walled Lake Western HS, Pink Out - Sept. 27, 7 p.m.
- Walled Lake Central HS, Homecoming - Sept. 27, 7 p.m.
- Walled Lake Western HS, Homecoming - Oct. 4, 7 p.m.
- Walled Lake Northern HS, Salute the Troops and Pink Out - Oct. 4, 7 p.m.
- Walled Lake Central HS Pink Out - Oct. 18, 7 p.m.

2019 Musicals and Plays

"Clue: Onstage"
Oct. 31 - Nov. 2 at Walled Lake Northern HS
Tickets will be available for purchase September 2019.

"Cinderella"
Nov. 15-16 & Nov. 22-24, at Walled Lake Western HS
Tickets will be available for purchase October 2019.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to wlestickets.com

2019 Collage Concerts

- Dec. 5 & 6, Walled Lake Central HS band, orchestra & choir, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 12 & 13, Walled Lake Northern HS band, orchestra & choir, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 18 & 19, Walled Lake Western HS band, orchestra & choir, 7 p.m.

For ticket information, go to wlestickets.com or call 248-387-9160.