



WYKON MONTHLY

APRIL 2024

Upcoming Dates for May

- April 30: Spring Band & Symphony Concert
- 1: Top Ten Dinner at Young's @ 6 p.m.
- 4: Prom - Midnight Masquerade at the Armory
- 4: Quartet - States
- 8: Awards Ceremony in Charles Greenlund 5:30-7:30 p.m.; MI Tech Bio-Athlon
- 17: Building Trades Open House
- 20-22: Senior Exams
- 22: Graduation Marching Practice @ Nelson Field 9:30 a.m.
- 23: Senior Class Picnic 8:30 a.m.
- 24: Graduation Ceremony @ 5:30 p.m.; All Night Grad Party
- 24, 28-30: Exams
- 30: Last Day of School (11:30 a.m. dismissal)

SAT Sit-Down

Some common tricks and tips that juniors Lilly Badke and Zander Birmingham recommend for getting through the SAT successfully include:

- **Lilly Badke:** "Just read and try to stay focused."
- **Zander Birmingham:** "Study, make flash cards, and get your vitamins."

SAT Season

This year the SAT was completely online and upcoming years are looking like online testing will be the main form of testing for the SATs.

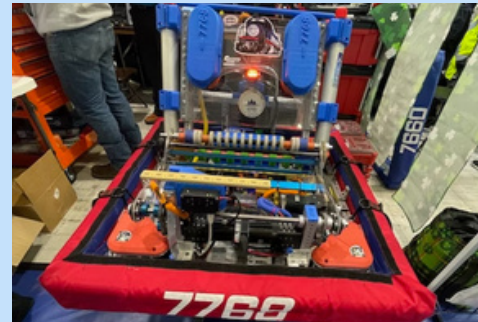
The SAT is an opportunity to submit test scores to colleges and universities where they are still valued. Even if further education isn't a student's path, it's a test to determine if an individual would succeed in college.

With the test being completely online, students had to make adjustments to the process, but many stated the new changes didn't affect them too greatly.

Robotics

Our West Iron County "Automatons" competed on April 4th and 5th in the state robotics competition at Saginaw Valley State University.

They were one of 9 U.P. teams to qualify, along with Gladstone, Houghton, Menominee, MidPen, Brimley, Calumet, Ontonagon, and Kingsford.



An interview with **Brennon Gursky (12)** went as follows:

What was your hardest feat to overcome? "I would say the biggest challenge was competing with the biggest teams with more equipment."

What was your favorite part of the robotics competition? "My favorite part was seeing our robot run and be competitive with bigger teams, especially considering how small and new of a team we are."



Congratulations to **Mr. Orchard** and **Mrs. Junak** for their OPIE Awards. They were recently honored at the Outstanding Person in Education Banquet held April 24 at George Young's



SPORTS

Upcoming Sports Dates

BOYS TENNIS

5/1 Wednesday VS Gwinn @ Home 3:30 p.m.
5/7 Tuesday VS Kingsford @ Kingsford 3:30 p.m.
5/13 Monday Ishpeming @ Home 3:30 p.m.
5/14 Tuesday Negaunee @ Home 3:30 p.m.
5/15 Wednesday @ Marquette 2:30 p.m.

GIRLS & BOYS GOLF

5/1 Wednesday @ Houghton (Portage) 9:00 a.m.
5/6 Monday @ Kingsford 3:30 p.m.
5/7 Tuesday @ Negaunee 9:00 a.m.
5/15 Wednesday @ Home (Young's) 9:00 a.m.
5/29 Wednesday @ Home (UPs/Young's) 9:00 a.m.

GIRLS & BOYS TRACK

5/2 Thursday @ Lake Linden 3:00 p.m.
5/3 Friday @ Escanaba 2:00 p.m.
5/7 Tuesday @ Kingsford 3:30 p.m.
5/9 Thursday @ Bessemer 1:00 p.m.
5/13 Monday @ Kingsford invite 3:30 p.m.



West Iron Booster Club



The West Iron County Athletic Booster Club encourages school and community support of the West Iron County athletic department by providing financial support not typically provided through the athletic department's annual budget. The Booster Club is a great way to get involved and to have an impact on our athletes that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

The WIC Booster Club raises money through winter concession stand sales, 50-50 raffles and donations from the community. The WIC Booster Club donates money every year to the West Iron County athletic department. All sports benefit from the Booster Club's donations to the WIC High School, which is only possible because of the tremendous support from our Wykon families who serve as volunteers at various events.

(This information can be found on our school's web site.)

April Highlights

- Boys tennis defeated Escanaba at home, 5-3, on 4/23
- Girls track has had two 2nd-place finishes this month
 - **Danica Shamion** placed 1st in the 100, 200, 400, and high jump in the last 2 meets
- Boys golf heads out for their first meet of the season in Norway on 4/26



STUDENT INTERVIEWS

FRESHMEN

If you had unlimited free time, how would you spend it?



"Probably just hang out with family and friends and binge a lot of t.v. shows."

SAIGE ORCHARD-MISKELL

"I would do everything I want to do that I can't do on a daily, like skateboarding and stuff."



LOGAN LAIRD

SOPHOMORES

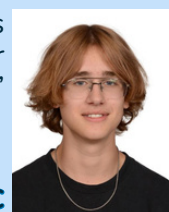
What is your favorite season and what do you like most about it?



"I like fall because I like the trees and Halloween."

CAMRYN POLLARD

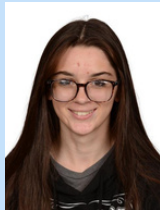
"I like summer because it's the best time for skateboarding fun."



ASHER ZUPANZIC

JUNIORS

What's a common behavior that you find annoying and why?



"A trait I consider annoying would be someone who constantly interrupts me when I'm talking because it's rude."

DASHA MCINTIRE

"I find lazy people irritating because I think people should use their full potential and contribute."



ZANDER BIRMINGHAM

SENIORS

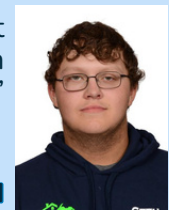
Would you instead make a lot of money at a job you hate or make less money at a job you love and why?



"Make less money at a job I like because I wouldn't feel like I'm wasting my time with it."

PIPER PRIOR

"Less money because it usually works out better in the long run."



SETH RYAN

TEACHERS

If you could write a punchline to a famous comedy show, what would it be?



"Garbage!" lykyk

(A former student's reaction to a poorly performed class skit activity.)

MS. HUGHES

"When you look annoyed all the time, people will think that you're busy." -Seinfeld



MR. DALLAVALLE



STUDENT LIFE

Building Trades

Johnathan Swenski (12) shares some insight on the most current update with the Building Trades home, which is set for an open house on May 17.

Have you learned any new skills you can take with you?

Yes. All of them! Rough framing, finishing, dry wall, installing and finishing flooring, concrete work, roofing to name a few.

What's your biggest take-away from Building Trades?

I've learned a lot of valuable skills, and it's a good class for understanding a real work environment. It's a real work site with actual contractors there occasionally.

What do you enjoy most?

I enjoy looking at the progress. It's pretty sweet--there's a house there now where there was just a hole in the ground. That's pretty cool.

Are you happy with how the house is turning out? Did you run into any setbacks or problems?

We didn't have any issues. There were some last minute changes, like the addition of a loft, but that was fun. We're really happy with this house. The interior is beautiful.



Students of the Week



EILEY MESKE

Eiley has earned student of the week due to her strong character, great work ethic, caring personality, and being an all-around positive role model. Eiley has earned the trust and respect of not only her peers, but also school staff alike. She lends a hand when needed, she leads by example, and she makes our school a better place. Her determination and conviction toward her goals is a great example of the individual Eiley strives to become. All in all, she is a tremendous asset to our school environment.



MACKENZIE HILL

Mackenzie is an outstanding person and a very driven student. She has been a great addition to our independent study group in our science department this year. She takes pride in every experiment she does, including hatching baby chicks. She is also willing to stop whatever she is doing to help Mr. V and Mr. D finish gathering supplies for science labs. I hope more students can model her politeness and respectfulness towards staff and peers and take as much pride in her academic work as she does.



KLOE THUNANDER

KLOE ALWAYS COMPLETES HER WORK ON TIME AND ALWAYS GIVES 100% ON EVERY ASSIGNMENT. KLOE IS CREATIVE, KIND, AND FRIENDLY TO EVERYONE.



ETHAN ISAACSON

Ethan is one of the most inviting, friendly students in his senior class. He is an active participant in class conversations, always willing to share an opinion or get the ball rolling for discussion. Ethan takes pride in his work and shows that through his diligence, regardless of subject material. What also makes him stand out is his respectful and polite nature!



TYLER RAATZ

Hard-working, respectful, humorous, and motivated, Tyler demonstrates a tenacious personality with a strong determination to reach his short-and long-term goals. In the vocational setting, he showcases exceptional talent and creativity. His mastery of hands-on skills, attention to detail, and creative problem-solving abilities make him an invaluable asset. Tyler's dedication, talent, and positive attitude make him a true leader.



STUDENT LIFE

Association of Student Artists

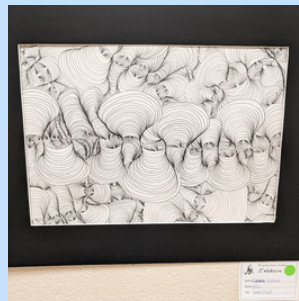
On April 15, Kingsford High School held the 30th Annual ASA Art Show. ASA is a non-profit organization including Niagara, Pembine, Iron Mountain, Kingsford, North Dickinson, and Norway.



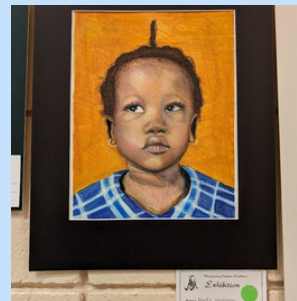
Hundreds of students' art pieces were submitted and the halls of the high school were transformed into a busy art gallery. At this gallery, the public had the opportunity to see the incredible work from their surrounding schools, and students had the chance to win awards and even scholarships.

West Iron had two of its very own students receive awards for their excellent artwork!

Caitlin Pollard



Harlie Melstrom



Middle Schoolers Lend a Hand

On Earth Day, the Middle School Student Council foraged through Nelson Field with gloves and trash bags to pick up trash and gather sticks. As a member of student council, the youth is encouraged to participate in two yearly community service/ volunteer efforts. (Posted on our school website)





NEWSWORTHY NOTES

Important Notices

The elementary museum tours will be starting at the end of April.

There will be a Middle/High School Art Show in the Windsor Center held from April 29-May 3.

Change for a Change

In April the Change for a Change days were 4/5 and 4/19, slipper day and hat day. This month's money is being donated to the local animal shelter.



more hats from hat day



Middle School Bowling Trip

On April 9, the 6th and 7th graders took a trip to Iron Mountain to go bowling while the juniors took the SAT.

This trip was very fun! Even though they did not determine the top bowlers overall, everyone had a great time.



Solar Eclipse

The school was very excited about the solar eclipse on April 8th. Ms. Nichols, the 7th and 8th grade science teacher, was probably the most excited of us all.

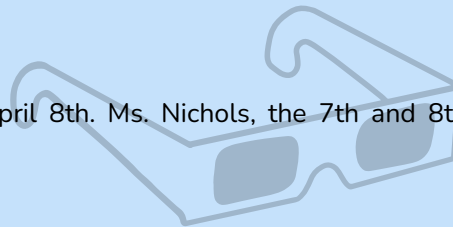
A few words from her surrounding the solar eclipse:

"I would like to thank the administration and staff for their support and help, so our students could observe the solar eclipse and do so safely. Students were excited to view the eclipse, but unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate and there was extremely thick cloud cover.

I did take my 6th graders outside at the beginning of 5th period and we were able to observe the sun behind some clouds. Then briefly there was a small area of blue sky and we were able to view a small shadow of the moon on the sun. The 6th graders were ecstatic over the small amount that we were able to observe."

She also stated that amazing interactions like the solar eclipse take place all the time, and in fact on April 23rd there will be the pink moon.

It will not really be pink but golden when it rises above the horizon, and it will appear at its largest size. Peak illumination of the moon will be at 6:49 CST.





SENIOR FEATURE

Senior Dinner at Alice's

As the seniors begin to end their high school years, they gathered at Alice's on April 24th to enjoy their senior dinner. Thirty-seven seniors attended along with three staff members.

The food was delicious, and everyone had a great time talking, laughing, and enjoying their time together.



Senior Tea

The 83rd Senior Tea was held on April 10 at 1 p.m. at Grace Covenant Church. The seniors introduced themselves and their guests, and then listened to a few songs from the guest singer, Erika Sauter.

They then received an empowering speech about womanhood and life from guest speaker, Christina Norlund. There was a light lunch with tea and coffee to follow.



Mock Interviews

Our seniors took part in mock interviews on April 9 right here at WICHs. Volunteers from the community spent their mornings interviewing students for various positions and fields of interest. The seniors came dressed to impress and practiced their communication skills with the local professionals.

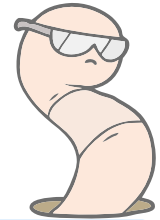
Feedback from the volunteers was positive and encouraging, very welcoming to many students who were naturally nervous to go through a process like this for the first time. Job well done, seniors!

Much appreciation goes to the following volunteers from our community and school:

- Aimee Schimanski, *My Friend's Salon*
- Joe Trapp, *Trident*
- Laurie LaFleur, *Tri-County Communication Services*
- Craig Richardson, *Wickwire*
- Stephen Remondini, *Stephens Real Estate*
- Jonny Waara, *Petrucelli & Waara, PC*
- Brett Smithson, *ICECA*
- Kevin Schmutzler, Jim Pellizzer, Mike Berutti, Sadie Holm, Francy Economy, & Konnor Bjorkman, *WICHs*

THANK YOU!

PICK-ME-UP



Spring Dirt Cups

- 1 package Oreos, crushed
- 4 tbsp. butter, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 2 (3.4 oz each) packages instant chocolate pudding
- 3 1/2 cups milk
- 12 oz. Cool Whip
- Gummy worms

Directions:

- Crush the entire package of Oreos and set aside.
- In a separate small bowl, mix 1/2 stick softened butter, 1 cup powdered sugar, and 8 oz. of softened cream cheese until smooth.
- In a separate large bowl, mix 2 packages of instant chocolate pudding and 3 1/2 cups of milk together. Fold in 12 oz. of Cool Whip. Mix.
- Pour cream cheese mixture into the pudding mixture and mix together until well combined.
- In individual cups of your choice, layer as follows:
 - Pudding mixture & gummy worm
 - Crushed Oreos
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 - Crushed Oreos
- Garnish top with a flower and/or additional gummy worm and crushed Oreos.



<https://www.bakingyouhappier.com/oreo-dirt-cake-cups/>

April Quotes

Harriet Ann Jacobs

"The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also."

Vivian Greene

"Life's not about waiting for the storm to pass...It's about learning to dance in the rain."



Rainy Day Activities

- Sleep in
- Go worm picking
- Clean up and organize
- Read a good book (Check out the media page for top 10 books!)
- Turn up some music and get some homework done
- Watch a documentary
- Bake some cookies
- Binge some movies
- Paint a picture
- Sit outside and enjoy the rain



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Happening Now...

Public Library

The public library is holding creative writing classes every Tuesday in April, from ages 10+
Young's Golf, Recreation & Dining
Young's driving range and golf course are now open to the public!

Into the Woods

Into the Woods is a musical with many classic fairy tales. The West End Players have been working very hard for many months on the production of this play, and it's about to hit the stage. Make sure you get a seat!



The Aristocats Kids

The Aristocats Kids is coming soon and will be a play for children ages 7-14. It is based off the Disney movie, *The Aristocats*.



Northwoods Animal Shelter Fundraiser

On Sunday, April 7, the Northwoods Animal Shelter held a fundraiser at the Iron River Senior Center from 4-6 p.m. with a raffle and an early dinner. They served baked potatoes and brownie sundaes with a range of toppings for both.

All proceeds went to the animals at the shelter.





TRENDING MEDIA

Popular Young Adult Books for Spring of 2024

1. *The Getaway List* by Emma Lord
2. *Infinity Alchemist* by Kacen Callender
3. *Even If it Breaks Your Heart* by Erin Hahn
4. *The Bad Ones* by Melissa Albert
5. *Ellie Haycock is Totally Normal* by Gretchen Schreiber
6. *The Other Lola* by Ripley Jones
7. *In the Orbit of You* by Ashley Schumacher
8. *Draw Down the Moon* by P.C. Cast and Kristin Cast
9. *Annie LeBlanc is Not Dead Yet* by Molly Morris
10. *Mysterious Ways* by Wendy Wunder

*List compiled from Macmillan Publishers.com and others.

Best TV Shows to Put On Your Watchlist

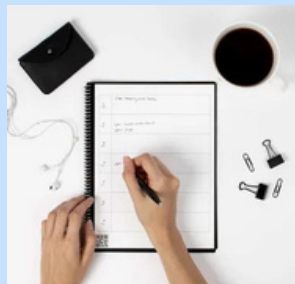
1. *Stranger Things*
2. *Pretty Little Liars*
3. *Never Have I Ever*
4. *The Fosters*
5. *Outer Banks*
6. *Gilmore Girls*
7. *Veronica Mars*
8. *The Owl House*
9. *Friday Night Lights*
10. *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*

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Tech Deals Under \$25

1. Rocketbook Core (electronic notebook): \$20-\$37 on Amazon, Best Buy, and Walmart



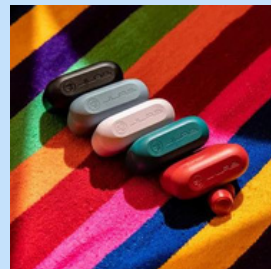
2. Oontz Solo (Bluetooth speaker): \$20-\$35 on Amazon, Target, and Walmart



3. Asicen 3-in-1 Retractable Charging Cable: \$12.35 on Amazon



4. JLab Go Air Pop (wireless earbuds): \$20-\$30 on Amazon, Best Buy, and Walmart



5. 2022 Tile Mate (item tracker): \$18 on Amazon, Best Buy, and Target

