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## IMPORTANT DATES

### June

10-13 - First Week of Summer School  
17-20 - Second Week of Summer School  
24-27 - Third Week of Summer School

### August

20-22 - Professional Development  
Days for Staff  
27 - First Day for Students

### September

2 - Labor Day-No School

### October

18 - No School  
21 - Staff Professional Development  
(No School)

### November

22 - End of Trimester I  
25-26 - Staff Professional Development  
(No School)  
27-29 - Thanksgiving Break

Check out our school website  
for all upcoming events:  
[www.cwasd.k12.wi.us](http://www.cwasd.k12.wi.us)

## CWHS Band Performs for Law Enforcement Memorial

We were extremely proud to have the CWHS band represent our community at the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony in Madison on Friday, May 10. Fallen Chetek Officer Emily Breidenbach and Cameron Officer Hunter Scheel were honored during the event, which recognized the ultimate sacrifice they made for our community.

The Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School Band performed an original piece, "Greater Love" during the ceremony. This musical piece was written just for the service and was played beautifully in front of the Capitol.

Our CWHS band represented the Bulldogs with class and pride as we helped remember Hunter and Emily, and we were grateful to be able to assist in honoring their memory.



## CWHS Golf Team Takes Silver at State Meet!!



Show them some love!! Congrats to the CWHS Golf Team!! They are the 2024 Division 3 State Runner-Up after a fantastic showing at the state meet in June.

They punched their ticket to state after taking home the Sectional and Regional Championships along with the Heart o' North Championship!

We are so proud of these young men and their accomplishments!!

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## CWHS FBLA Students Compete at State, Nationals

A HUGE congratulations to the 12 students who attended the State FBLA Conference in Green Bay this spring! Conner Hanson, Bryce Killoren, and Nathan Skoug placed 5th in Sports and Entertainment Management. Cooper Antczak placed 4th in Journalism. Emma Haselhuhn, Jorja Bradley, and Marisa Howes placed 3rd in Social Media Strategies. Cooper, Emma, Jorja, and Marisa earned the right to move on and will attend the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida at the end of June.

Well done, and kudos to you all!!



## CW Variety Show 2024 Lights the Stage

We are still in awe of the incredible Friday night we had here at CW during the 28th Annual CW Variety Show on March 22. It was an evening of fun entertainment, great deals, good snacks and one pretty special surprise! We can't thank everyone enough for coming out to not only support the talents of our students, but also their future educational endeavors as we raised thousands for scholarships! The audience was one of the largest we've had, and hearts were so full seeing so many of you there! THANK YOU!!

Oh...and did we mention there was a SURPRISE appearance by Barron County's own Chris Kroeze!? What a night!!





## CWHS Top Scholars Recognized at Annual Banquet

The top students from the CWHS Class of 2024 were honored May 15 during the annual Top Scholars' Banquet. These students either had the top GPAs and/or ACT scores in their class in order to be invited to the banquet. In addition, these students also asked to the banquet an Honored Educator, a staff member or teacher who has made a special impact on their life. CWHS Class of 2016 graduate Haley Johnson was the guest speaker for the evening.

Those students selected, and Honored Educator, were as follows: left to right: Cooper Antczak (Andrew Elbin), Elliana Bayer (Tim Tschumperlin), Emily Collins (Matt Forrest), Kaylee Haas (Tim Tschumperlin), Emma Haselhuhn (Emily Boese), Lauren Hayes (Kristi Hause), Sawyer Henry (Christie Sather), Luccas Janota (Lee Killoren), Joseph Kutrieb (John Loy), Brennan Lentz (Scott Kowalski), Jacob Moen (Lee Killoren), Zoe Nelson (Cassie Oster), Thor Sather (Matt Forrest), and Jennie Skoug (Cassie Oster).



## CWHS Announces 2024 Honor Students



Congrats to the Honors Students of the CWHS Class of 2024!

We want to give a special congratulations to the seniors graduating with honors (pictured) as we recognize their hard work and dedication over the past four years: Isaac Anderson, Cooper Antczak, Elliana Bayer, Wren Candler, Alexis Clark, Emily Collins, Ethan Engel, Jayce Fiore, Kaylee Haas, Emma Haselhuhn, Lauren Hayes, Sawyer Henry, Sydney Johnston, Christian Jorstad, Joseph Kutrieb, Brennan Lentz, Madelyn Martin, Jacob Moen, Anastasia Mujwid, Zoe Nelson, Benson Paulson, Reese Ridout, Sage Roose, Thor Sather, Jennie Skoug, Hannah Solie and Yinghuan Zhang.



# Congratulations Graduates!!!

We may say "Goodbye" to the CWSHS Class of 2024 but it is only the beginning of their story. Congratulations to an incredible, strong group of young adults. You've made us all proud! Here are photos from commencement ceremonies on May 25.





# Well done, CWHS Class of 2024





## CWHS/MS Musicians Soar During Spring Concerts

CWHS students performed in their final concerts of the year as the music department presented its annual spring concerts on May 13 (choir) and May 17 (band). The evenings were also a chance to recognize the senior leaders in the various ensembles. We also have to give a huge congratulations to senior Cooper Antczak, who was recognized with the John Philip Sousa Award. To all involved, we say "Bravo!"



## SkillsUSA Members Heading to Nationals

We would like to congratulate all 19 of our SkillsUSA competitors for their outstanding achievements at the Wisconsin state competitions in April.

Congratulations to Jorja Bradley for receiving Silver and Emily Collins for receiving Bronze in the Customer Service Event. Congratulations to Zoe Nelson for receiving Silver in Extemporaneous Speaking. Congratulations to our Welding Fab Team of David Hoehn, Rakella Fiore and Anders Olson for receiving Bronze.

And--an EXTRA special congratulations to our two gold medal winners and national qualifiers, Layden Ludwigson in Masonry and Zoe Mikl-Young in Photography. They will be heading to Atlanta in June to compete in the National SkillsUSA competition. Great job, Bulldogs!





## Antczak Selected for Youth Senate Program



Politics and affiliations aside, most will agree that public service isn't necessarily meant for the faint of heart. It is a hard road to travel and there is a lot more to running the government than most people will ever fully understand. However, CWHS Senior Cooper Antczak was recently able to experience the inner workings of our government and political system first hand after being selected as a delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program.

The United States Senate Youth Program is a unique educational experience for high school students who are interested in pursuing a career in public service. High school juniors and seniors may apply, but only two from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity are selected to serve as delegates to Washington Week. In December, CWHS Senior Cooper Antczak was notified that he was selected as one of two delegates from Wisconsin.

Antczak actually applied last year, and was named an alternate. He decided to go through the application process again this year, which includes writing essays about various government and service-related topics, letter of recommendations, submitting a short video and taking part in an interview. This time around, Antczak was selected for the program and was off to the nation's capital.

The Annual Washington Week was held in the District of Columbia March 2-9. Delegates, including Antczak, spend the week experiencing their government in action. They hear major policy addresses from senators, cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense and other directors of federal agencies. They also participate in meetings with a U.S. Supreme Court justice and the President of the United States. Each delegate is also awarded a

\$10,000 scholarship for undergraduate studies.

During this time in Washington D.C., Antczak's visit was filled with a plethora of activities that can only be described as once-in-a-lifetime. Among the highlights: a visit to the Supreme Court to hear from Justice Elena Kagan, a group visit with Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg and Secretary of State Antony Blinken, time with U.S. Representatives and Senators, and a stop at the National Portrait gallery and the National Archives. Perhaps topping it all off, however, was a stop at the White House in which he not only got to watch President Biden deliver the State of the Union address, but also got to pose for a group photo with the president upon his return from the U.S. Capitol later that night.

"Being inside the Supreme Court where they actually deliberate was cool," recalls Antczak. "But being in the White House was CRAZY! There were a lot of politically active people in our group, not all of whom believed the same things. So when something was said [in the State of the Union address], some people might stand, others would not. It was divisive, but respectful. We would take pictures with one another and just say 'We're IN THE WHITE HOUSE!' Then the anticipation and waiting for President Biden to come back to the White House so we could take our picture with him – it was amazing. It was a surreal experience."

Antczak said this was his first experience in Washington D.C., so just being there was cool in and of itself. He also noted, however, that having the ability to hear and speak to people who we often point fingers at but really don't know put a lot of things into perspective.

"It was cool to talk to people who make these decisions," says Antczak. "You meet them and realize you may not agree on X, Y and Z, but they also have their opinions. It was an honor to talk with them and hear from them about their experiences."

Even with all of the once-in-a-lifetime experiences Antczak gained from his time in D.C., one of the things he knows he will always take with him are the friendships he gained.

"Half of the fun was just meeting people," admits Antczak. "All of them were so informed. It was great just to be around like-minded people who are interested in the same things you are. In the middle of it all, I felt like this could be my life now. And then it was Saturday and you have to go home and you won't see these people. Having that community was nice, and you don't realize how important those people were to you until you are on your way home."

Though Antczak relished the new people he met and experiences he gained, it also made him aware of how central it is to remind yourself of your roots. He reflected on the importance of keeping people from your hometown in mind, even as you might represent other people.

"It is important to remember those people and that you have a responsibility to them and where you come from," noted Antczak. "You realize how heavy of a crown it is to be a public servant. It's not a job for everyone. There is so much going through your mind and so many different people you represent. You start to understand as a whole how important the government is and how they are really just trying to make the country a better place."





## CWHS Holds 2024 Prom

It was a Night of a Thousand Lights as CWHS held their Junior Prom Saturday, April 27, at The Mill in Chetek. It was quite a treat to see students dressed up and looking their best!

Congratulations to members of the junior prom court, especially to this year's king and queen and prince and princess! Junior Prom Prince and Princess were Layden Ludwigson and Taya Whittenberger. The 2024 CWHS Prom King and Queen were Nathan Skoug and Brielle Kowalski.

This year's entire prom court is as follows: Angie Hanson, Brielle Kowalski, Camila Hanson, Taya Whittenberger, Laura von Tronchin, Bryce Killoren, Conner Hanson, Brock Hamilton, Nathan Skoug and Layden Ludwigson!



## GIVE BACK DAY 2024

What an incredibly meaningful and special Give Back Day on May 1! 2024 will be one for the books! There were students in all corners of our district, from Sand Creek to Weyerhaeuser. It's amazing what can be accomplished with a little work and a lot of love!





## Spring Sports Season Showcases Athletes

Thank you to all of our athletes, coaches and spectators who made the spring sports season successful! We can't tell you how proud we are of them and the work they've put in this season. We appreciate all of the community support our student athletes receive! We look forward to seeing you again in the fall!



## CWHS Athletes Compete at State Track Meet

Here's a HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to the CWHS boys' track team! They have a series of athletes who qualified for the WIAA State Meet in La Crosse in June after their performances at Sectionals in Cameron.

Thor Sather made it to state after taking second in Shot Put and third in Discus. The 4x800m Relay Team of Wylee Huset, Bryant Motzer, Jack Myers and Owen Hamholm placed second, punching their ticket to the state meet!

Congrats gentlemen on a job well done!





## CWHS Awards Owen Knutson Heart of the Bulldog

We want to highlight the best of the best in our Bulldog athletes as we recognize the Spring 2024 recipients of the Owen Knutson Heart of the Bulldog.

This honor recognizes those athletes who exemplify what it means to have the heart, character and work ethic of a Bulldog. It was awarded by Owen's family in front of home-event crowds during recent meets, games, and ceremonies.

Congratulations to this season's recipients: Jacob Moen (boys' golf), Alana Fedie (softball), Ashley Robert (girls' track), Christian Jorstad (boys' track), and Brady Lentz (baseball).

Well done, all. Thank you for modeling what it means to have the Heart of the Bulldog!!



## Nail-Pounding Champs Crowned at CWHS



Forget March Madness! It was May Madness here at CW!! It has been an intense and fierce few days of competition at CWHS! We're talking about the first-ever CWHS Nail Pounding Tournament!!

Over the course of a couple of weeks, 14 students competed in the tournament, complete with initial seedings and rankings! The goal: to see who can drive three nails into a piece of wood the fastest—with penalties for bent nails and split wood. -On May 9, the championship was held in the wood shop with Mr. Fredrikson overseeing the match between finalists Brayden Mohr and Nick Davis.

In the end, Nick Davis hammered home the nail trophy with a time of 10.08 seconds. Brayden Mohr finished the tournament bracket in second place, with Isaac Anderson taking third!



## MS Drama Club Workshop

All the world is a stage!!

In April, CWHS Drama Club members combined with CWMS students who were interested in theatre for a three-day, after-school drama club workshop.

Students spent time getting to know one another, took part in drama activities and games, and looked at some scripts together before performing for each other.



## Choir Visits Meadowbrook



The CWMS Orange Choir visited Meadowbrook for five consecutive class periods over the past several days prior to summer break. They sang five songs with the residents there including "You've Got a Friend in Me," "Sixteen Tons," and "Here Comes the Sun." The smiles say it all! Both the young and the old had a TERRIFIC TIME. According to Mr. Elbin, it was the best thing they have done all year!!!

## Creative Clay Monsters in CWMS Art Class

Over the past several weeks, 6th-grade students at CWMS have been working in art class to create clay monsters. They constructed them, painted them and glazed them before getting their finished products this week! And who says monsters can't be cute!?!?



## Sixth-Graders Hold Mock Trial on Short Story

Court is in session! The honorable Mrs. Schofield presiding! In Mrs. Schofield's English class, the sixth graders finished up their argumentative unit (and the school year) with a mock trial on the fictional short story, "The Monkey's Paw" by English author W. W. Jacobs, first published in 1902. The story centers on a dried, shrunken monkey's paw that is said to have the power to grant its possessor three wishes, but the wishes come with an enormous price for interfering with fate.





## Second Graders Check out Beaver Creek Reserve

Earlier in May, Roselawn second-grade students, teachers, and some parents went to the Beaver Creek Reserve in Fall Creek. They looked for animals and plants in a small stream, went on a binocular hike, and learned about animal classifications. Students were even able to touch a snake and tried to identify mystery skulls. The rain didn't dampen all of the hands-on environmental learning on the trip.



## Roselawn Students Shine Under Concert Spotlight

It was a night of reminiscing through decades of our favorite movie tunes as the Roselawn kindergarten, second- and fourth-grade students performed their spring concert "Lights, Camera, Action!" on April 22 in the CWSHS gym. What a joy it is to see these young people performing! Kudos to all!!





## Roselawn Celebrates with End-of-Year Carnival

We're celebrating the end of the school year in multiple ways--and this was especially true at Roselawn Elementary! It was their first Carnival Day June 3, full of games, activities, and even a bouncy house! The energy was palpable and the fun very evident!



## Bright Beginners Students Celebrate Graduation

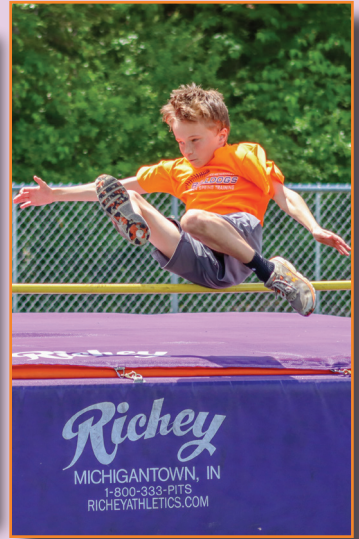
Roselawn celebrated the youngest of our Bulldogs May 30 as the 4K Bright Beginners were honored with a special graduation ceremony as they prepare for kindergarten! These little Dawgs are the future class of 2037!!!





## Track and Field Day Sends Roselawn Runners Racing

How far can you leap? How long can you throw? How fast can you run? How high can you jump? It was Roselawn's fourth- and fifth-grade students' turn to answer those questions recently as they took part in the annual track and field day at CWSHS/MS! The day always brings out the best in these youngsters' competition and athleticism.



## Roselawn Softball Tourney Tradition Continues

Always an intense series of games, the 2024 Roselawn softball tournament held its championship match on the final day of school, June 5. Facing off were teams captained by fifth-graders Lucas Richert and Easton Kahl. In the end, Kahl's team pulled off the victory! Taking third place was the team captained by Brianna Bol.

Well done, all! A beautiful way to end the school year with a decades-long tradition!





## Roselawn Fifth Grade Students Spruce Up Front Yard

Fifth-Graders at Roselawn Elementary spent a bit of Friday, May 17, in service to their school! Students went outside to spruce up the front yard of the elementary school: weeding, mulching, replanting and cleaning!

Thank you, fifth-grade for your hard work! It doesn't go unnoticed, and the yard looks lovely!! Great job!!



## Summer Meal Program at CW

The Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District will again serve free summer meals from June 10-27. This program is open to children 18 and under. Meals will be available at Roselawn Elementary Monday through Thursday. Breakfast will be served from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. All meals will be served at the Roselawn cafeteria. There are no meals provided on Fridays.

For more information on the summer food program and other locations, you can text: 'food' to 304-304 for meals near you, visit [www.wisummerfood.org](http://www.wisummerfood.org), or call 211. If you have questions, feel free to contact Sandy Stevens at 715-924-2226, x2057, or e-mail [sstevens@cwask12.wi.us](mailto:ssstevens@cwask12.wi.us).

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## CW Summer Food Service Update!



## Hong Retiring after 20 Years at CW

As CW wrapped up the school year as a district on June 6, the staff took a moment to recognize CW District Office Administrative Assistant Rita Hong. Rita is retiring from the district after 20 years with Chetek and CW.

Her leadership, knowledge, dedication, kindness, and service to the district and its students will be missed more than words can express.

Thank you for everything, Rita! Best of luck in retirement. We wish you the best!





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### 2024-2025 District Calendar



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No Students or Staff  
 Start/End Trimester

Staff Professional Development (No School for Students)



Aug. 20 - 22 Staff Professional Development  
Aug. 22 Roselawn Open House  
Aug. 27 First Day of School for Students  
Sept. 2 Labor Day - No School  
Oct. 18 No School  
Oct. 21 Staff Professional Development  
Nov. 22 End of Trimester 1  
Nov. 25 - 26 Staff Professional Development  
Nov. 27 - 29 Thanksgiving Break - No School  
Dec. 2 Begin Trimester 2  
Dec. 23 - Jan 3 Winter Break - No School  
Jan. 20 Staff Professional Development  
Feb. 7 & 10 No School for Students or Staff  
March 7 End of Trimester 2  
March 10 - 14 Spring Break - No School  
March 17 Begin Trimester 3  
April 18 No School for Students or Staff  
June 5 End of Trimester 3/Last Day of School  
June 6 Staff Professional Development



## KEEP IN MIND

- Our Facebook page is a great way to stay informed throughout the school year! Check it out—<https://www.facebook.com/chetek.weyerhaeuser.bulldogs/>
- Student lunch menus and other district information can be found on our website: [www.cwasd.k12.wi.us](http://www.cwasd.k12.wi.us)