



WAUKESHA WEST

HIGH SCHOOL

Dear West Friends and Families:

Welcome to the 2021 - 2022 school year! My name is Ryan Patt, and I have the distinct honor and privilege of serving the staff, students, and families of West High School going into my sixth year as principal.

On Wednesday, September 8th, prior to our Teacher Connect Open House, I invite you to join me in the West Auditorium from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. so I can welcome all of you to the new school year. I will be sharing the progress on our vision for increasing "rigor" which continues to be embedded into our academic culture. The purpose of this focus is simple. Approximately 90% of West students report that they plan to attend a four-year college or university; yet, according to multiple data points, only about 40% of our incoming seniors meet the minimal benchmarks for college, career and community readiness. This data will drive the ongoing discussions about my vision for West High School.

To communicate with the parent community during the 2021 - 2022 school year, I will continue with year-six of my "Principal Advisory Council" which includes three parent representatives from each grade level for the purpose of collaborating and communicating about how we can maximize the student/parent experience at West. Click the following link: "[Principal Advisory Council Sign Up](#)" for more information and an opportunity to join the council.

In addition, I will also continue my "[Principal's Blog](#)" to convey updates about the great happenings at West. Please look for my updated blog on the West website by the middle of September. I also encourage you to look at previous posts for additional information for discovering more about West.

For this school year we are continuing with the format of our Family Connect Conferences. The dates for these conferences will be in late September for the purpose of a timely connection. The format will be driven by teachers asking questions about your student and their family to learn who they are as people and who you are as a family. This conversation is critical for our teachers to support the success of your student. The dates and specific information for the conferences will be coming out soon.

Finally, we are excited to welcome the following new teaching staff for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

Mr. Miles Bankston - Business Teacher
Mrs. Melissa Camacho - Art Teacher
Mrs. Migdalia Dybro - Spanish Teacher
Ms. Hannah Erl - Special Education Teacher
Mr. David Farmer - Music Teacher/Assistant Band Director
Mr. Joey Hyland - Choir Teacher

Mme. Jennifer Rath - French Teacher
Ms. Natalie Robinson - Social Studies Teacher
Ms. Christina Schaefer - Science Teacher
Ms. Jacqueline Seitz - Science Teacher
Mr. Christopher Tolonen - Art Teacher
Mr. Dan Wimmer - Social Studies Teacher

Once again, please join me on Wednesday, September 8th at 5:30 p.m. as I go in-depth about how we will prepare our students to be college, career, and community ready. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have about West High School.

Sincerely,

Ryan Patt, Principal

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