

West Central Area Schools

Serving the communities of Barrett, Elbow Lake, Hoffman, Kensington & Wendell

September 24, 2021

Greetings WCA Families:

Our school year continues to progress well as our number of positive COVID cases at our three sites remains low, with only one reported active case at this time. Four of those who previously tested positive have returned to school and we have not experienced a spread within our individual classrooms or our buildings. We will continue practice social distancing in our classrooms, encourage stay healthy practices, and staff members will monitor students for symptoms. We encourage parents to monitor for symptoms also, keep children home when they are ill, and consider COVID testing if symptoms are COVID related.

Our fall sports programs are collectively off to their best start in many years. Summaries of their recent accomplishments can be found each week within the Sports section of the newspaper. This is an especially exciting week for WCA students, staff, community members and alumni with September 27 through October 1 designated as Homecoming Week. Thursday is packed with athletic events: Our Cross Country teams participate in Fergus Falls, JV Tennis plays in Morris and the varsity team travels to Parkers Prairie. Our C, JV, and Varsity Volleyball teams play at home with matches scheduled to begin at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:30. The week wraps up with Homecoming activities beginning on Friday afternoon that will continue right up until the Varsity game kick-off at 6:00. It is a great week to get together, show your school spirit and support the Knights.

Opportunities to learn more details about the Building Bond Referendum will begin next week as well. The Informational Brochure for the WCA Building Bond Referendum has been distributed to mailing addresses within the WCA School District. I encourage you to review the brochure and visit the District website [ISD2342.org/building_bond_referendum](https://isd2342.org/building_bond_referendum) to view an informational video and to access other printed documents. A great way to gain clarity and have your questions answered is to attend one of the Public Informational meetings. The public meetings will include a short presentation on the components of the project, project cost and tax implications along with plenty of time for attendees to ask questions. You are encouraged to review the brochure and visit the District website prior to attending an Informational Meeting to become more familiar with the three ballot questions.

September (All meetings begin at 6:30 PM)

- 28 Hoffman – Community Center
- 29 Elbow Lake – North Elementary Gym

October (All meetings begin at 6:30 PM)

- 4 Kensington – South Elementary Gym
- 11 Wendell – Town Hall
- 13 Barrett – Secondary School Auditorium

Election Information: The election will be conducted by mail ballot and ballots are scheduled to be mailed to registered voters of the WCA School District during the week of October 4-8. The Informational Brochure that was mailed to households, and is posted on the District website, provides pertinent voting information. If you have any election questions after reading the election information, email coachs@isd2342.org.

