

October 12, 2026

WISE ACADEMY NEWS

FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

On October 8th, WISE families enjoyed a beautiful day visiting Bushel & a Peck Apple Orchard in Chippewa Falls. Families toured the orchard to learn about its operations, got an up-close look inside the apple coolers, and picked their own apples. The tour wrapped up with delicious cookies and cider!

The fun continued as students explored the 3-mile-long corn maze, played on the playground, and soaked up the beautiful autumn weather. What a wonderful way to celebrate the fall season while learning and making memories together!



UPCOMING EVENTS

October

13th - Learn Build Fly @ Wausau Airport 10:00 - 2:00

15th - Team Building/Nature Hike @ McKenzie Center Poynette 10:00 - 1:00 **CLOSED**

20th - Sugar Skull! Musical @ Appleton 12:30 - 2:30 **CLOSED**

27th - Annie @ Madison **CLOSED**

November

2nd, 9th, 16th - Native American Studies @ Virtual (w/experience 12/4)

5th - Old World Wisconsin @ Eagle 9:45 - 1:00 **RSVP by Oct. 20th**

6th - Tree Tech @ Marshfield 8:30 - 11:30 **High school students only**

10th - CVTC Career Tour @ Eau Claire 9:15 - 12:15 **High school students**

16th - All Stars Urban Circus @ Appleton 12:30

20th - MSTC Discovery Day @ Stevens Point **4th - 8th grade**

December

1st - WI Herd Basketball @ Oshkosh 11:30 **RSVP by Nov. 1st**

15th - Christmas Carol @ Madison 10:00 **CLOSED**

16th - Nutcracker Ballet @ Oshkosh 1:00 **RSVP by Dec. 1st**

**More
Options**

**Sign up
here**

2027 CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

Every year, Wisconsin's Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) holds a conservation poster contest. This contest is the first step in part of the nationwide poster contest hosted by the National Association of Conservation Districts.

This year's theme is: **From Source to Sea – Every Drop Has a Journey**

Contest divisions: Grades K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each contest division. These include a 1st place trophy and gift cards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. First place winners will advance to the Area contest. Area contest winners will advance to State. Then finally, State winners will advance to the National Contest.

Quick overview of the rules:

-Poster size: 11" x 17" using 60 lb to 90 lb paper

-Any media may be used: paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters. (Computer-generated posters will not be accepted)

Deadline: Typically mid-January (date not set yet)

[Click here for the flyer with contest rules.](#)

Want more information or to see previous winners? [Click here for the website.](#)



ORDERING UPDATE



Moving forward we can no longer order from Christian Book.

Orders that are currently being processed/in our system will still be honored.

PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY



Parents - we want your opinions! Please fill out the Parent Satisfaction Survey by October 25th.

[Click here for survey.](#)

A winner will be drawn & receive a prize from Amazon.

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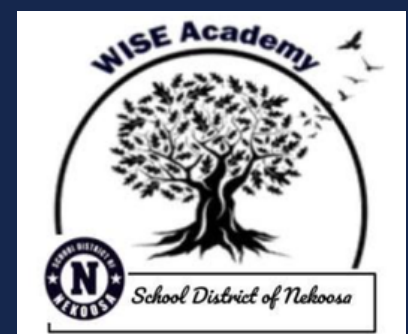
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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

CAREER EXPLORATION - TECH COLLEGE EVENTS

NEW

Mid-State - Tree Tech Days



Explore Arboriculture from the Ground Up: Students will get an inside look at arboriculture while exploring connections to forestry, conservation, skilled trades, environmental science, and other outdoor careers. The skills to climb higher are built here.

Friday, November 6th from 8:30 am-2:45pm at Wisconsin Rapids campus.

For high school **juniors & seniors only**, must be 16 or older.

[Click here for info & to register](#)



Mid-State - BizCon

Entrepreneurial Experience: Work in teams to identify a real-world problem and develop a creative product or service solution.

Interactive Business Games: Put business knowledge and creativity to the test through Who Wants to Be a Business Leader? Back in the Day... What Would You Pay?, and Brand Feud.

Teamwork & Pitch Development: Collaborate with teammates to turn an idea into a compelling business pitch.

BizCon Pitch Showcase: Take the stage and present your team's product or service idea.

Wednesday, October 28th from 9 am-2pm in Stevens Point.
Students K-12 welcome!

Fox Valley Tech College - Nursing Program Info Session

This Nursing Information Session is designed to provide you with information about admission requirements for the nursing programs, class time information, prerequisites, and much more. For students interested in CNA, Licensed Practical Nursing, LPN to ADN Pathway program or Nursing Associate Degree.

Tuesday, November 10th from 1-3 pm
Located at the Appleton Main Campus



NTC Showcase - Diesel & CDL Day

Ready to fuel your future? High school students are invited to Diesel and CDL Day, a hands-on introduction to two powerhouse career paths in diesel mechanics and transportation.

- Explore our Diesel Technician labs
- Learn about CDL training and career options
- Meet instructors and industry pros
- Discover how NTC can help you launch a high-demand, high-pay career

Whether you're interested in engines or driving big rigs, this is your chance to see where these careers can take you—no experience required!

November 11th from 9:30 am - 12 pm in Wausau. For high school students only.



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TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Mid-State - Tech-Con 2.1

Located at MSTC in Stevens Point, students are invited to join in activities on website hacking, VR, AI, lock picking, soldering, programming, retro computing, cipher cracking, and MORE! Join WISE for this exciting day exploring all things computer science and IT! No experience necessary - if your student is interested in computer science and IT-related fields, this event is perfect for you!

Friday, November 13th from 9am - 2pm. For high school students only.



Email your teacher for info on how to register for these events!
RSVPs Required

OCTOBER SPOTLIGHTS

Durable skills are the essential skills that help us succeed in school, work, and everyday life. They include skills like communication, critical thinking, collaboration, adaptability, and problem-solving. Unlike skills tied to one specific job or subject, durable skills can be used anywhere, anytime, and throughout life.

At WISE, we focus on giving students real-world opportunities to practice, strengthen, and apply these skills through learning, activities, field trips, and everyday experiences.

Durable Skill of the Month:

CHARACTER

CHARACTER CONNECTIONS

MacKenzie Center Field Trip

WISE is hosting a trip to the MacKenzie Center where students will build character through **team-building games and a nature hike!** Students will practice perseverance, responsibility, respect, resilience, and self-awareness as they work together and take on new challenges. 🌲🧡

Character + Teamwork + Outdoor Adventure = a meaningful WISE learning experience!

Character Building Videos for Kids 🎬

Character is something students can learn and practice every day through their choices and how they treat others. Talking with Trees offers kid-friendly videos on honesty, respect, responsibility, perseverance, and empathy, while TED-Ed's Building Character explores skills like kindness, grit, decision-making, curiosity, and emotional intelligence.

Watch Talking with Trees [HERE!](#)

Watch TED-Ed: Building Character [HERE](#)

Something to Try at Home! 🏠

Help your child explore what it means to have good character through this kid-friendly video about character building and social-emotional learning. After watching, talk together about qualities like kindness, honesty, respect, responsibility, and making good choices, and ask your child how they can practice one of these traits at home this week.

Watch the video [HERE!](#)

October is Bullying Prevention Month!

What better way to highlight our durable skill of the month than by connecting **Character** with **Bullying Prevention Month**? Check out these resources below!

- **The Children's Wisconsin Bullying Prevention:** Includes online lessons, activities, and games
- **Carmen's Corner:** Highlights key concepts of bullying prevention and promotes social-emotional learning. An educator guide and student worksheets accompany each video.

BULLY-FREE ZONE

CHALLENGE: Snap a photo of your student learning about these spotlights & send it to their teacher to be featured in a future newsletter!

WISE ACADEMY STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

WISE students are doing incredible things every day! Does your family have a moment you'd like featured in the 2026–2027 yearbook or a future newsletter? We'd love to see it— just send your photos to your family's teacher. In the meantime, take a look at these students working on our durable skill of the month!

Check out these WISE students tapping into this month's highlighted **Durable Skill** of **Character**.

Bella & Olivia participated in a triathlon! Since a triathlon involves 3 sports, it provides opportunities to develop qualities that transfer to school, work, & everyday life. Qualities such as perseverance, discipline, goal setting, & resilience are just a few examples. Great job ladies!



Send us photos of students engaging in building **character** to be highlighted in next week's newsletter!