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# WISE ACADEMY NEWS

## STUDENT CELEBRATION







Some of our WISE Academy students teamed up to join the annual Battle of the Books competition hosted by Nekoosa's middle school.

What a fantastic turnout it was! Twelve teams and thirty-four readers from grades 6 through 8 took on the challenge this year.

This year's winning team comes from our very own WISE Academy! Their hard work, teamwork and love of reading truly shined!

Members of the 1st place team are:

-  North Reetz
-  Henry Moes
-  Leo Wentland
-  Fern Reetz



*Congratulations!*



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## WINTER BENCHMARK

The IXL winter benchmark window is now open!!

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>**

Please have your student log in to complete their MATH & ELA levels by "Stepping in to the arena".

\*Remember to **spread it out** so students aren't spending too much time per day on it.

\*Please make sure your student(s) **take it seriously** as we look at this data as a school.



Discover your math and ELA levels!

The Diagnostic shows you what you know and what to work on next.

[Step into the arena >](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February

6<sup>th</sup> - Bruce Mound @ [Merrillan](#)

10<sup>th</sup> - The Hobbit @ [Madison](#)

10<sup>th</sup> - Antarctic Science @ [virtual](#)

16<sup>th</sup> - Tommy Bartlett Exploratory @ [Wisconsin Dells](#)

26<sup>th</sup> - Pirate School @ [Appleton](#)

## BREAKING NEWS

**MARCH events went live February 1st!**

**Milwaukee Brewers Game April 16<sup>th</sup> is also live!**

**[Sign up here](#)**



# IMPORTANT!



## ENROLLMENT PLANNING

We need your help to plan enrollment for 2026-27!

Parents: Please fill out this [WISE Academy 26/27 Enrollment planning form.](#)

Adding siblings to WISE? If you live outside the district, don't forget to complete Open Enrollment! The application window is now open!! **February 2<sup>nd</sup> - April 30<sup>th</sup>**

[Click here for a link to the enrollment application](#) on the DPI website.

Questions? [Click here for the 26/27 info for parents](#)

**OPEN ENROLLMENT**





## EVERYDAY PRACTICE

### Literacy



#### Book It! Reminder:

Students who read 30 minutes each day of the month are eligible to earn a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut!

Be sure you are filling out your January forms and getting them into [mandy\\_tuttle@nekoosa.k12.wi.us](mailto:mandy_tuttle@nekoosa.k12.wi.us) by the 5th of February!

For those interested in the BOOK IT! Reading Program, [click here](#) for more information.



### Digital Health & Well-Being

Jonathan Haidt's blockbuster book, [The Anxious Generation](#), has sparked a global conversation about the effects of smartphones & social media on young people's development, & it has inspired millions of parents, teachers, & leaders to take action.

Now, Haidt & Catherine Price, author of the bestselling [How to Break Up With Your Phone](#), have teamed up to create a new book that speaks directly to kids & early teens ages 9-12.

Their goal? To empower young people to stand up for themselves by choosing a life not dominated by screens.



[Click here for a free preview](#) of **The Amazing Generation**



### VOCABULARY BOWL

The IXL Vocabulary Bowl started February 1<sup>st</sup>. It runs February 1<sup>st</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup>.

This is the world's largest academic competition!

Every word mastered is counted & will help WISE Academy on the Leaderboard!



### FORWARD TEST INFORMATION

Forward Test information was sent in the mail.

Please let your teacher know if you'd like to do it virtually rather than in person. Virtual testing will allow you to be more flexible with your dates.

Stay tuned for more information on signing up for virtual administration dates/times.

### CONTACT INFO

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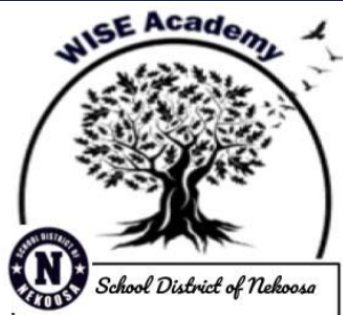
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### WISE Webpage



# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

## Interested in the Armed Forces?

Visit with a recruiter to get your questions answered - at Nekoosa High School

### NAVY

- February 12
- April 9
- May 14

all dates are 11:40 - 12:15



### AIR FORCE

- March 12
- May 21

all dates are 11:40 - 12:15

Not sure which branch is best or how to decide? [Here's an article that gives you an overview.](#)

Want to find a recruiting office near you? Use the Find a Recruiter tool on their official website by entering your zip code or Google "Armed Forces Career Center Near Me".

## ATTENTION JUNIORS/11TH GRADE

ACT Prep is about more than just content knowledge!

Use OnToCollege or IXL regularly to fill knowledge gaps and gain testing tips!

- OnToCollege has ACT prep, **test-taking strategies, essay writing, and more!**
  - If you don't remember your [OnToCollege](#) login, reach out to your teacher.
- IXL has an ACT Test Prep skill plans for Math, Reading, & English.

Please reach out to your teacher if you're interested.

[Click here](#) for other free ACT prep resources, including practice quizzes, practice tests, & question of the day.



## BUILD YOUR SCHOLARSHIP RESUME

Having volunteer hours as part of your portfolio is great when for applying for scholarships, colleges, or even jobs!!

Here's an upcoming opportunity in central WI in February...

The South Wood County YMCA Gymnastics Team is looking for student volunteers to help with their annual home meet at Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids!

Event Dates:

- Friday, February 20, 2026
- Saturday, February 21, 2026
- Sunday, February 22, 2026

Sign up here: [SWC YMCA Gymnastics Sign-Up Sheet](#)