

WINTER 2022

NICOLET NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I'm immensely thankful for the continuing support of the community, staff and students as we continue to successfully navigate the challenges of the pandemic in this new year.

This semester, Nicolet was able to welcome back beloved traditions such as the homecoming game, bonfire and parade, along with attending sporting events, musicals and concerts in person. After a long year without these events, it was amazing to gather again.

Also this fall, Nicolet Leadership looked for community input through a district-wide survey to gauge support for a proposed 2022 facilities referendum. Using this input from the community, we've prepared a plan that will be on the April 5, 2022 spring ballot. Learn more about our facilities needs on page 4.

We want to give a heartfelt thank you to our students, staff and community for your consistent support and positive attitudes. You are what makes Nicolet great.

As always, I encourage all district residents to follow Nicolet High School on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as a source of timely information and updates.

My best wishes to you and your families this winter season.

Your Partner in Education,
Dr. Greg Kabara, Superintendent



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AND EVENTS AT NICOLET BY FOLLOWING US ON

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 **Nicolet High School**

 **@NicoletKnights**

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NICOLET EXISTS TO POSITIVELY IMPACT THE WORLD THROUGH EDUCATION BY ACCELERATING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
EVERY STUDENT, EVERY CLASSROOM, EVERY DAY.

NICOLET UPDATES

PTSO

The Nicolet PTSO has been hard at work planning for the spring semester by coming up with new and fun ways to show appreciation for Nicolet teachers and staff, including treats for teachers and Cocoa and Cram for students!

Don't forget to start your Merit Award applications! The application is available online and in the main office. It is due Monday, March 14. Please email any questions to the Merit Award chairperson at nicoletmeritawards@gmail.com.

Want to get involved? Email NicoletPTSO@gmail.com and follow the PTSO on Facebook.

PARENTS OF PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS

The Nicolet Performing Arts Committee is looking for people who want to support their 'performing artists', make new friends, advocate for middle school music programs, supplement instruction by obtaining donations through ad sales or marketing and 'perform' a variety of other large and small volunteer work.

Please visit <https://bit.ly/3fvf9GT> or scan the QR code to sign up!



Nicolet students on a German American Partnership Program (GAPP) trip in 2018.

Nicolet German Teacher **Herr Wagner** will be one of only five educators nationwide recognized by the Goethe-Institut/AATG Certificate of Merit for his achievement in furthering the teaching of German.



In November of 2021, **Coach Moroder** was selected as the Green Bay Packers High School Coach of the Week. With this award, Coach Moroder received \$1,000 for the Nicolet football program, was featured in a Packers Gameday Program and was invited to attend the January 2nd Packers vs. Vikings game.

NICOLET WELCOMED FIVE NEW TEACHERS THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

CRISTINA TUTAJ
Social Studies

DAWN BALDWIN
Family and Consumer Science

JOE COSTA
English

DANIELLE STEINBERGER
Spanish

ELLA ELLENSON
PE/Wellness

MATT RITTLER
Social Studies

NICOLET SCHOOL BOARD

Meetings are held in the Nicolet Library. A virtual option via Zoom is available. Access meetings and agendas by visiting nicolet.us.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 10 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
(School Board Committee of the Whole)

FEBRUARY 28 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

MARCH 10 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.
(School Board Committee of the Whole)

MARCH 28 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

APRIL 7 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.
(School Board Committee of the Whole)

APRIL 25 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

MAY 12 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.
(School Board Committee of the Whole)

MAY 23 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

JUNE 27 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.



PRINCIPAL NOTE

As we all are well aware, the past year and a half has been anything but “normal.” Going with the flow of our new reality, my first semester as Nicolet Principal presented unique challenges, but also an abundance of grace, patience and humility from students, staff and the Nicolet community.

This semester has been exciting in a number of ways. First, we were committed to doing everything in our power to maintain five day, in-person instruction. With the hard work, creativity and perseverance of staff and families, we were able to maintain full in-person instruction.

This semester, we also welcomed back the first drama performances and in-person concerts in over a year. Clubs are meeting back in person, and the Nicolet football team qualified for the playoffs for the first time in over 30 years!

Being the new guy at Nicolet, I am continually amazed by the honest and welcoming nature of the students and families of our District. I look forward to what the spring semester has in store!

NICOLET RECREATION DEPARTMENT

During the 2021 fall programming season, the Nicolet Recreation Department offered a grand total of 125 different programs!

The winter/spring programming season is off to a great start! The Nicolet Recreation Department has a wide variety of programming this summer. Register by visiting:
<https://web2.vermontsystems.com/nicolet.html>

MEMBERS

DR. LEIGH WALLACE TABAK
President

MS. ELIZABETH (LIBBY) GUTTERMAN
Vice-President

MS. THERESA SEEM
Treasurer

MS. MARILYN FRANKLIN
Clerk

DR. DELICIA RANDLE-IZARD
Member

ALUMNI NEWS

Anika Byrne ('21) won the Loeymae Lange Memorial Best in Show in the WEA Student Arts Contest.

Dan Grunfeld ('02) an accomplished European league basketball player wrote and published a book called “By the Grace of the Game.” Dan details his father Ernie Grunfeld’s inspirational story of escaping to America, coping with tragedy, honing his basketball talent and becoming immensely successful as an NBA player and executive.

Destiny Huven ('19) qualified for the 2021 U.S. Olympic Trials in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing 27th overall.

Hannah Arnold ('06) turned her love of snacking into her own business last summer. Empress Baking Co. makes handmade crackers, spreads, sweets and breads at their kitchen in Milwaukee.

Ryan Clancy ('95) elected to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors representing the 4th District of the city.

To submit an update about Nicolet alumni, please send relevant information to public.relations@nicolet.us. Submissions will be reviewed for publication in future newsletters and other district communications.



Dan Grunfeld ('02)



Hannah Arnold ('06)

FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Nicolet Foundation Board is committed to providing educational enrichment for all students and staff through equitable access and community engagement. In the fall semester, the Foundation added two new members to the Board of Directors, Jeff Fishbach and Andrew Franklin, and awarded a number of grants supporting students, staff and alumni.

To learn more about the Nicolet Foundation, grants and current fundraising opportunities, please visit:
<https://nhsfoundation.membershiptoolkit.com/>

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



ART KNIGHTS CLUB

Arts Knights Club members, **Yulitza Adorno-Jonas**, **Amelie Arteaga-Derenne**, **Danielle Jacobs** and **Angely Xiong** traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside to view their own artwork installed in a gallery setting. Students submitted works weeks prior and were invited by the University to visit for an opening and to take place in hands-on demos with professors and current students.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

This fall, the **Spanish 4 Honors** and **Spanish 5 AP** classes' **Thanksgiving Food Drive** collected an astounding 21,116 non-perishable food items, and raised over \$8,664 to benefit Feeding America of Southeast Wisconsin, United Migrant Opportunity Services and Faith Santa Fe Lutheran Church!



Nicolet band members performed at the ribbon cutting of the highly anticipated Target at Bayshore Mall this October!

“HOUR OF CODE” WEEK

As part of “Hour of Code” week, a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, Advocate Aurora IT Professional **Mr. Jason Michels** presented to **Mike Weidner’s** computer programming classes. Mr. Michels spoke to Nicolet students about his career in IT, and included many helpful suggestions about having a professional career in computer programming or information technology.

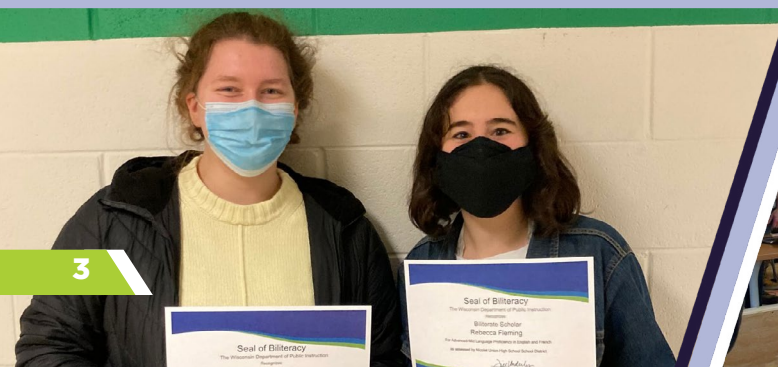


SEAL OF BILITERACY

Congratulations to **Meredith Griffith-Topps** and **Rebecca Fleming!** They are the first Nicolet Students to be awarded the Seal of Biliteracy, an award given by a school, district, or state in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation.

NICOLET FEAR

Nicolet FEAR wrapped up their pre-season with Team Audition Groups (TAGs) in late December. The full team of 70 students and 40 mentors were split into four different groups and challenged to dissect the rules of a unique game, come up with a strategy, program a robot to play the game, create game mechanisms and learn how to present information to judges.





**NICOLET
HIGH SCHOOL**
REFERENDUM 2022

Our Community, Our School, Our Future

FACILITIES REFERENDUM



The Nicolet Union High School District School Board unanimously approved a facilities referendum plan for community vote during the Spring General Election on **April 5, 2022**.

The referendum proposes an extensive renovation plan that addresses high priority facility needs, informed by nearly two years of examining significant facility and campus-wide needs and gathering input through a fall 2021 community-wide survey. The School Board took the feedback seriously and used it to refine and prioritize the final proposed plan.

District residents will have the opportunity to vote on one referendum question that requests permission for the district to borrow funds (issue debt) in an amount not to exceed \$77,400,000 to address the three key areas of facility needs.

SURVEY SAYS...



The majority of survey respondent groups (non-parents, parents, staff) supported holding a facility (capital) referendum.



More than 81% of respondents ranked safety, security, accessibility, building conditions/systems, and improving classrooms/labs as priorities.

KEY AREAS OF NEED:

Nicolet Union High School has been carefully evaluating our facilities and considering how our building meets our vision.

**SAFETY, SECURITY
& ACCESSIBILITY**

**BUILDING CONDITIONS
& SYSTEMS**

**LEARNING
ENVIRONMENTS,
PHYSICAL EDUCATION &
OUTDOOR ATHLETICS**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSED PLAN:

- **Addressing Safety, Security, and Accessibility:** Update ADA accessibility throughout the facilities, provide secure and controlled entrances and more.
- **Updating Building Conditions and Systems:** Replace major building systems such as heating, ventilation (air quality) and cooling, electrical and lighting, plumbing and sanitary pipes, fire alarms and sprinklers, ceilings, flooring and roofing.
- **Improving Learning Environments, Physical Education, and Athletic Spaces:** Renovate science labs, career and technical classrooms for engineering, robotics, visual arts, culinary and construction. Renovate and expand performing arts, digital music, physical education and wellness, fabrication and technology labs. Replace and expand outdoor physical education, community recreation and athletic facilities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

If approved by voters, the estimated tax increase over the current level for **each \$100,000 of fair market property value** would be **\$111 per year (\$9.25 per month)** for approximately 21 years.

ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX IMPACT CHART		
PROPERTY VALUE	MAXIMUM ANNUAL IMPACT	MAXIMUM MONTHLY IMPACT
\$100,000	\$111.00	\$9.25
\$250,000	\$277.50	\$23.13
\$400,000	\$444.00	\$37.00

All financial data is based on assumptions made at the January 2022 Board Workshop.

LEARN MORE TO MAKE AN
INFORMED DECISION ON **APRIL 5:**

[VISIT NICOLET.US](http://NICOLET.US)

ATTEND A REFERENDUM INFORMATION SESSION:

Thursday, February 24 @ 6pm

Virtual Referendum
Information Session

Thursday, March 3 @ 6:30pm

In-Person Referendum Open
House & Building Tour

Thursday, March 10 @ 6pm

Virtual Referendum
Information Session

Monday, March 14 @ 6:30pm

In-Person Referendum Open
House & Building Tour

ARTS & ATHLETICS

ART AWARDS

Nicolet High School students submitted 60 entries to the **Scholastic Art Exhibition** and won 15 awards in total.

HONORABLE MENTIONS WINNERS

Mia Greyz: Drawing, *Psychotropic Pandemonium and Infestation*

Danielle Jacobs: Mixed Media, *Creepy Crawlies*

Angelo Spolar: Painting, *The Maker*

Alexandra Timmerman: Painting, *Chashki*

Jaia Underwood: Painting, *Musa Vitrum*

Kaleb Verville: Mixed Media, *Breaking Point*

SILVER KEY WINNERS

Mia Greyz: Drawing, *Sheshnag*

Makaiya Wilson: Painting, *Roselle*

GOLD KEY WINNERS

Mia Greyz: Drawing, *Midnight Thoughts*

Angelo Spolar: Painting/Drawing, *Cardinal Fan, Still Essential, Dr. Peterson*

HONORABLE MENTION PORTFOLIO

Daniell Jacobs: *Irrationality*

GOLD KEY PORTFOLIO

Mia Greyz: *Psychotropic Pandemonium*

WINTER CONCERTS

In early December, **Nicolet Choir** hosted their "Winter Dreams" concert featuring Chamber Choir, Vocal Jazz, Mixed Choir, Concert Choir, Contemporary Vocal Ensemble, and introduced "Not in Treble".

The **Nicolet Orchestra** treated the community to their winter concert before holiday break. **Jamin Hoffman** conducted the performance which showcased musical pieces from the global community, reflecting different cultural traditions.



Nicolet High School Presents...

SOMETHING ROTTEN!
FIRST OF ITS KIND!

Book By
Karey Kirkpatrick
and
John O'Farrell

Music and Lyrics By
Karey Kirkpatrick
and
Wayne Kirkpatrick

Conceived by Karey Kirkpatrick and Wayne Kirkpatrick

24th - 7:00pm
25th - 7:00pm
26th - 7:00pm
27th - 2:00pm

10 Tickets Available at
www.nicolet.us
or
at the door

MUSICAL

The spring musical *Something Rotten!* runs February 24-27. Tickets are available at nicolet.us or at the door.

The show kicks off with a free performance for senior citizens on Wednesday, February 23 at 1 p.m. Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/3GaUfld>



LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING DAY

The following Nicolet student-athletes committed to taking their talents to the collegiate level at the Letter of Intent Signing Day.

Sydney Kalonihea, University of Evansville in Indiana (Softball)

Katie Heidenrich, Virginia Commonwealth University (Volleyball)

CONGRATS, COACH HANSON!

Nicolet Head Boys Basketball Coach **Al Hanson** earned his 100th career victory at Nicolet vs Cedarburg on December 21, 2021.

100TH CAREER VICTORY

Nicolet Head Wrestling Coach **Gus Kaufmann** earned his 100th career dual victory at Nicolet vs Port Washington on December 9, 2021.

NICOLET ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2021

Nicolet High School is proud to announce that three candidates have been selected to the Class of 2021 Nicolet High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The candidates include athletes **Curt Wycklendt** (Class of '72-Football/Swimming/Track/Baseball) and **Gary Taxman** (Class of '76-Tennis), along with special contributors: **Jim & Karyl Rosenberg** (1993-2015). The candidates will be honored at halftime of the Nicolet Boys Varsity Basketball game on Friday, February 18.



SEVERAL NICOLET STUDENT-ATHLETES RECEIVED CONFERENCE AND STATE RECOGNITION FOR THEIR PERFORMANCES DURING THE

FALL SPORTS SEASON

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Jimmy Weseman: 2nd Team All-Conference

Francisco Rosas-Sarmiento: Honorable Mention

BOYS SOCCER

Charlie Levin: 1st Team All-Conference, All-State

Brogan Ortwein: 1st Team All-Conference, All-State

Eli Nelson: Honorable Mention

BOYS VOLLEYBALL:

Danny Torres Alvarez: 2nd Team All-Conference

Oliver Scharnick: Honorable Mention

Andrew Reindl: Honorable Mention

FOOTBALL

Ben Ott: 1st Team All-Conference

Braeden Ott: 1st Team All-Conference, All-State

Cole Trimborn: 1st Team All-Conference, All-State

Cole Mendelsohn: 2nd Team All-Conference

Daniel Quam: 2nd Team All-Conference

Josh Hodges: Honorable Mention

Matthew Kuesel: Honorable Mention

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Amelia Giles-Pufahl: 2nd Team All-Conference

Kara Bickler: Honorable Mention

Katie Kauffman: Honorable Mention

GIRLS GOLF

Lily Wegehaupt: All-State

GIRLS TENNIS

Amelia Ansay: 1st Team All-Conference

Kephely Igoni: 1st Team All-Conference

Emma Kappel: 1st Team All-Conference

Paulina Gorodesky: 3rd Team All-Conference

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Katie Heidenrich: 1st Team All-Conference, All-State

Leah Soyke: 2nd Team All-Conference

Grace Simenz: 2nd Team All-Conference





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