

WEF Fall Newsletter

September 27, 2025

As we move into autumn, we'd like to thank everyone for their continued engagement and support. WEF had an amazing summer thanks to all of you who show up for us and our students!

Recap:

During the 2024-25 school year, we were able to support The Webster Schools by providing:

- \$19,000 for upgrade to the stage lighting system to LED in the MS/HS Cafetorium
- \$15,000 for an outdoor classroom space, benches, [etc.at](#) the Elementary School
- \$5000 for a new Garden/Recess storage shed at the Elementary School and \$1000 for supplies
- \$850 matching funding to the Trap Team
- \$850 matching funding to the Theatre Dept
- \$3500 for the HS Social Studies field trip to Chicago and the WWII and Holocaust Museum
- \$836 to send the 1st and 2nd Grade classes to the Eau Claire Children's Theatre
- \$400 to send the 7th and 8th grade Science Students on a Namekagon River Trip
- \$384 for a virtual tour of the Titanic Museum exhibit for the 6th grade class
- \$500 for Heart Rate Monitors for Health Classes
- \$6500 in awarded scholarships for graduating seniors.
- \$5000 for an annual grant to our Pupil Services/Guidance Counseling Dept.

Currents:

WEF hosted the 12th Annual Golf Scramble Fundraiser at the beautiful Voyager Village Golf Course on Friday, August 1st. Thirty-six teams of four players had a shotgun start at 1:00 pm and the weather was perfect!

The winning team was sponsored by North State Industries in Siren, WI. They generously donated the prize money they won back to WEF. There were several fun

contests and players discovered their hidden putting, as well as hula hooping talents that day!

The team who called themselves “The Birdies” won the prize for the best costumes!

The Webb Lake Men’s Club team made a special presentation to the Education Foundation at the tourney. They donated a check for \$2500 to be used toward WEF’s next big project. WEF has begun phase one of clean-up on the old School Forest property on Highway 35 south of town, as well as clean-up on the newly acquired, wooded property north of the Middle/High School complex. A big Thanks to Mr. Terry Larsen for the use of his equipment and donation of his time toward the clean-up process.

At the September WEF board meeting, the board approved several classroom grants for our Fall grant cycle. WEF granted funding for Mr. Parker Johnson to take a group of High School Social Studies students on a trip to the Chicago, Il area, where they will visit the WWII Holocaust Museum, The Navy Pier Children’s Museum and the Shedd Aquarium. Funds were also granted for the Webster 1st grade classes to see the play, “The Grinch” and the 4th graders to see “The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe”. WEF was also able to offer \$1000 to support the PAWS program which provides acknowledgement and incentives for positive behavior in the Webster Middle School.

A \$5000 grant to our Pupil Services/Guidance Counseling Department is in our budget for 25-26. We are committed to supporting behavioral health services, mentoring and leadership training for our students.

WEF has committed to providing financial support for the new scoreboard project as well.

In other news, WEF would like to give a huge Thank You to:

- Terry and Brenda Larsen for, once again, donating \$4000 so that every teacher in the district has extra funding for classroom supplies.
- The Junkyard Bar for all their work on an awesome fundraiser to provide funds for classroom supplies. They raised another \$4000 for our district.
- The Babcock Generosity Fund for their donation of \$2000 go to school needs, \$1000 to the Football program and \$500 to Baseball.

- Tony and Crystal Kallas for their donation of \$800 in honor of Suzanne Schwingle's retirement and in appreciation for the WALC students volunteer work at the local food distribution events.

We continue to need financial support from alumni, community members and businesses, to be able to plan and carry out innovative projects, award scholarships and meet our goals. With rising costs and budget cuts, nearly all school districts are experiencing financial strain. WEF works hard to provide support and opportunities for all our students. You will find our annual donation form in the October edition of the Webster School Newspaper, *The Bridge*. Donations can also be made by mail, at the Webster District office or by Venmo. End of the year gifts to the Foundation will be extremely appreciated and every donation, no matter what size, helps.

The WEF board members are looking forward to this 2025-26 school year. We hope you all enjoy a beautiful Fall season!!! Please check us out on Facebook. #TigerProud