



Winterset Community School District

# BEACON

WINTERSET, IOWA

NOVEMBER 2020

## SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

As I sit down to write this month's article, the temperature outside and the recent snowfall make it feel more like December or January than the last week in October. Hopefully, we will get a few more weeks of nice fall weather before winter sets in for good. I wanted to spend this month discussing the work we are engaged in this year that aligns to the district strategic direction of "Leveraging technology to support and extend the traditional classroom." While I am sure the district has been working on this strategic direction for several years, due to the pandemic and the need to educate our students virtually beginning last spring and this fall, this area has risen to the forefront and become our top priority this year. Those of you who have children attending virtually this fall and even those of you whose children are attending onsite have inevitably seen a change in how we are delivering instruction and how your children are accessing course content with

SeeSaw, Google Classroom, Google Hangouts, and Zoom meetings becoming a regular part of your son/daughter's school day. I am sure many of you in your own jobs have seen similar changes in how you engage with colleagues to complete your own work. Like you, I am looking forward to when we can meet in person and attend trainings in person; however, we are all learning and developing new skills that we can add to our tool box to make us more flexible and adaptable as learners and employees, which is what I hope our staff and students take away from these changes as well. In order to support our staff in learning how to better facilitate online learning Corey St John, Director of Teaching and Learning, worked with the AEA to develop a "Going Digital" online teaching and learning self-paced module for our staff to complete this year. The module takes our staff through a series of self-paced online modules teaching them how to become more effective with teaching online. Our staff are "learning by doing" this fall as they work to

navigate teaching students online and in person often simultaneously, which is no small task. I couldn't be prouder of our staff and how they have embraced this challenge. While the transition hasn't always been easy and our staff are working harder than they ever have, we are seeing great things emerge out of this process. Our teachers are learning how to engage students in new ways and are learning how to engage students in collaborating with their peers who are joining class virtually. Our virtual learners and families have shared feedback and worked with us to better serve their children. Our teachers are quickly learning and adapting to a new way of teaching that they had never been asked to do before and are constantly looking for ways to grow and improve. The blended learning platforms we are creating will be something our staff and students can build on and further develop each year, which would truly allow us to "leverage technology to support and extend the traditional classroom." Our

challenge is to look at the changes we were forced to make this year that have truly improved how we operate as a district and then continue to grow and expand on them moving forward.

Like all of you, I am ready for the pandemic to end and for the opportunity to get back to some sense of normalcy. However, not looking at this as an opportunity to evaluate what we were doing prior to pandemic and hanging onto what we have always done would be a mistake. Out of challenges and in times of adversity we get to choose how we will respond; let's all respond by coming away stronger and better prepared to navigate change in the future. All of us have been pushed out of our comfort zones, which is when we have the greatest opportunity for growth. Let's all continue to grow and learn from this pandemic as we strive to continuously improve ourselves and our district.

**Justin Gross,**  
superintendent

Congratulations to the number one First in Math player in Iowa for the 2019-2020 school year - Timothy Babcock who solved more than 69,000 math problems and was ranked #1 of all Iowa students!

He was #1 of over 12,000 students in Iowa ranging from kindergarten - 9th grade.

Timothy says he wanted to be #1 in Iowa and even as others quit playing toward the end of the school year, he continued working. He made it to 67th for all 4th graders in the USA.

Nice work, Tim!!



Winterset High School has 2 ladies that completed the Presidential Service Gold Award. The award is given through WHS Silver Cord (advisor: Jessica Gibbons). Recipients receive a certificate signed by the president and a gold medal. The award is based on the number of hours volunteered in a calendar year.

Paige Wickman is the daughter of Kari and Jamie Wickman. Her hometown is Winterset. She earned the Gold medal with 138 hours completed. Some of the places she volunteered were at the Winterset Public Library, Madison County Conservation Center, Madison County Historical Society, Tutoring, and the Winterset Art Center.

Addie Burkett is the daughter of Tony and Wendy Burkett. Her hometown is Winterset. She earned the Gold medal with 153 hours completed. A couple of examples of her service are community band, tutoring, her church involvement, playing Taps, student Council, Master Gardeners, and a lot of activities through 4-H.

NICE JOB, STUDENTS!



## STUDENT COUCIL HOMECOMING SUCCESS AND UPDATES

This year the Student Council had to change a lot of our traditions in order to put on a 2020 Homecoming week. Although we did not throw a dance we did still have dress up days, a mini parade, and a homecoming court.

Our parade was put on for the junior high, elementary, and middle school students where they walked and the football players, cheerleaders, and band stood on the football field. As they passed the younger students held up signs that they made in class and the high school students cheered and played. On Friday the high school held their assembly outside on the football field in order to keep social distancing. This seemed to be a big success as it was easier for each activity to show off their work from the fall season. The band performed part of their show, the dance team performed one of their routines, and the football players showed off some of their plays on the field. Because of this year's success the Student Council may continue some of these new traditions.

In October, the Student Council invited Superintendent Gross to one of our meetings. He asked us for our thoughts on what was good and what might need changed at the school. Many

by Samantha Lilly

students commented on how they liked the change in seminar times and the two hour late start. A lot of the students enjoyed having Mr. Gross come in and listen to our ideas. We also decided to have dress up days for Halloween. The days were halloween socks, orange out, black out, and costume day. For costume day the students had to bring a can of nonperishables for a Food Pantry drive.

Upcoming events that the Student Council participates in are the Winter Warmth Drive, Adopt a Family, Veteran's Project, and the State leadership conference. Because of COVID-19 these events will look different but that will not stop the Student Council from giving back to our community and show our school's spirit.

**VETERANS'  
DAY  
THURS,  
NOV. 11, 2020**

## Lunch Menus

Visit the school website at [winterset.k12.ia.us](http://winterset.k12.ia.us) to view the lunch menus for each school.

**Elementary Lunch Menu**  
**Middle School Lunch Menu**  
**JH/HS Lunch Menu**

## Free & Reduced-Price Meals Applications

- Log into your Parent Portal
- Click on More, then click on Meals Benefits
- Complete Free & Reduced Form, click Submit

You will receive confirmation in your Parent Portal inbox once the application is processed. Questions: Call the administration office at (515) 462-2718.

## SCHOOL FEES

Attention parents: This year's school fees were due October 15th. You may pay them through your **Parent Portal**, at any of the school offices or at the administration office.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE

When you have a change of address or phone number, please contact the school or the administration office. It is important for the school to have updated information on our students for messages and emergency situations.

## STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOKS

The Winterset Student/Parent Handbooks are posted **on the district website under the Parent tab**. We have produced a district-wide handbook that aligns to board policies and current state law. The handbook includes addendums for each school, covering building specific expectations. Paper copies are available in each school's office. All students are expected to follow the policies, procedures and expectations. Please take the time to review the handbooks with your child.



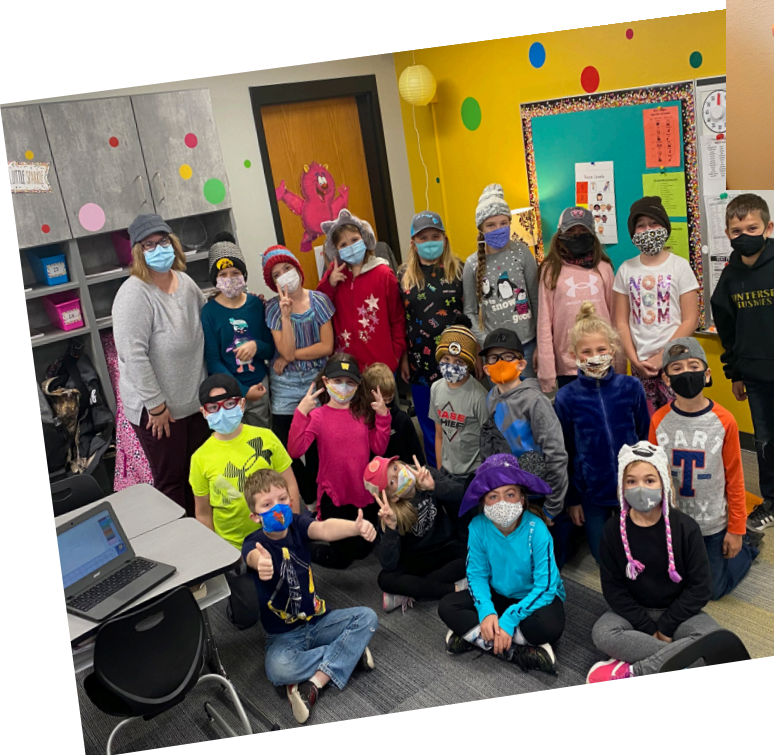
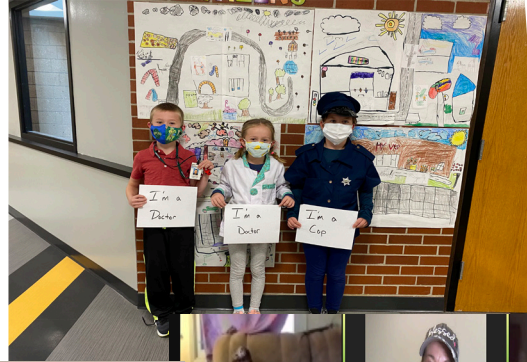
## ELEMENTARY AND MS FIT DAYS FUN

During the week of October 19th-23rd, the Elementary and Middle School participated in the Hy-Vee KidsFit Wellness Week. This week was intended to introduce students to all the different types of wellness and how it can affect our daily lives. The KidsFit program and the local Winterset Hy-Vee partnered to provide our students with Healthy Dietitian approved snacks for the week as well as a mask and a backpack hand sanitizer.

The KidsFit program is a completely free online resource for students and families to learn about

all the ways that you can lead a healthy lifestyle. If any student wants to check it out just go to [www.hy-veekidsfit.com](http://www.hy-veekidsfit.com). I have attached all of our pictures throughout the week that went along with our dress-up day themes.

Monday - Mindful Monday  
- Hat Day  
Tuesday - Try it Tuesday -  
Crazy Hair Day  
Wednesday - Wellness  
Words Wednesday -  
Health Hero Day  
Thursday - Teamwork  
Thursday - Support your  
Favorite Team  
Friday - Fitness Friday -  
Active/Husky Gear



## CRISP Winter Wear Program



Is your child in need of a winter coat, boots, snow pants, hat or gloves for the upcoming season? If this will be a hardship for you or your family to provide, please call Community Resources in Service to People (CRISP) at 515-462-9400. CRISP has a good selection of new and gently worn winter wear items. **PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT BEFORE STOPPING IN** so that we may limit the number of people in the

office at one time and better meet your needs. If you are in need of assistance, but are not a current CRISP client, please contact us for information on how to access CRISP services.

**IF YOU HAVE COATS, BOOTS OR INSULATED GLOVES TO DONATE,** please contact the CRISP office. We take winter wear items year round to replenish our supplies. Both new and gently worn items are accepted.



## REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS & SCREENINGS

All Kindergarten students must be up to date on their preschool shots and have received their 4-year-old boosters of Dtap, Polio, MMR and Varicella.

All 7th grade (and above) students must show proof of having received a Tdap (Tetanus/Acellular Pertusis) vaccination booster AND a Meningococcal vaccination on or after 10 years of age.

All 12th grade students must show proof of receiving 2 DOSES of Meningococcal vaccine; or 1 dose if first dose was received at 16 years of age or older.

All Kindergarten students must have a dental screen performed between the ages of 3 and 6 years old with a dental certificate on file. All 9th grade students must have a current (within the past 12 months) dental certificate on file.

All Kindergarten and 3rd grade students must have a current (within the past 12 months) vision certificate on file.



## Winterset FFA begins their Fruit Sales Season

It is that time of year again for the Winterset FFA Chapter. Fruit sales have started and will continue until the end of October. This year we are selling fruit, meat and cheese, candy, and cookie dough. We are doing our sale a little different. You can do it the same as in previous years where you order from a member or you can order online. Be watching for members to reach out or if you would like to order but have not been contacted please email Ms Miller or contact an FFA member. We will be posting things on our social media pages about how and where to order from. If you have any questions or need to order please feel free to contact Ms Miller via email at [kmiller@winterset.k12.ia.us](mailto:kmiller@winterset.k12.ia.us) or an FFA member. We hope you have a great and safe fall!



# The Weekly Word



October 6, 2020

## Caring for Each Other

From [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org)

There are helpers all around us, and we can be helpers, too! When we take time with our children to talk about the valuable work of community helpers (like firefighters, grocery store clerks, and bus drivers), we create important opportunities to express gratitude, even in difficult times. This is a great time to encourage your child to thank the essential workers where you live and remind your child that we all have a very important job of stopping the virus together -- which is why everyone is wearing masks.

### Questions to Ask Your Child

1. What makes someone a good brother or sister? Friend? Neighbor? Make a list of your child's answers. Throughout the week, go back to the list and ask "what could we do to be a helper today?"
2. Talk about a time you needed help with something. Explain what you did and what happened. Ask, "What can we do when we need help? Who can we ask to help us?"

### Play and Learn Together With Children 2 to 5

Younger children first start to see themselves as helpers within their families. Give your child small but significant chores like filling a pet's water bowl or helping Dad sort the laundry. You can include your child in the decision-making about chores by creating a chore list and asking, "how do you want to be a helper this week?" This gives you a great opportunity to talk about how much we can accomplish when we work together, and your child might enjoy taking time to explore how the charac-

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## How to Cope with Anxiety: 8 Tips to Help Your Teen

From [yourteenmag.com](http://yourteenmag.com)

Teenagers have always faced unique challenges on their journey to adulthood, but the coronavirus has introduced new complications. If your teen has an anxiety disorder, you might notice their symptoms worsening. If they previously seemed mentally healthy, you might notice worrisome changes.

### How to Help Teens with Anxiety in 2020

From the uncertainty about what the coming school year will look like to feelings of loneliness brought on by being separated from their social circles, teens are coping with concerns that they have never experienced before. If your teen has 2020 anxiety, here are some tips and strategies the experts recommend.

#### 1. Validate their emotions

Avoid speaking in empty platitudes like, "This, too, shall pass." To the teenage brain, time seems to stretch ahead of them and the current crisis can feel endless. Statements like, "What do you have to worry about? You're only 16," can invalidate their emotions and shame them. Instead, show support. You can say, "I understand that you feel anxious—you have every reason. What is bothering you the most?" These words open the door to further communication and talking about concerns can help ease anxious thoughts.

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# WHS Guidance Department

Visit the Guidance Webpage at [www.winterset.k12.ia.us/Page/1552](http://www.winterset.k12.ia.us/Page/1552).

## THINGS SENIORS NEED TO KNOW

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple-aptitude test that covers eight areas including science, word knowledge, mathematics, and mechanical comprehension. It assesses a student's ability to learn new skills and is a predictor of success in training and education programs. Civilian Education Services Specialists who have no recruiting function administers the program. The ASVAB's are offered each fall to juniors and some seniors. The ASVAB's will be offered on November 12 from 8:00 to 11:30am. Please sign up with Mr. Seufert.

College and Post High School Applications:

What should I do? Well, we encourage our seniors to send in an application when they are reasonably sure they want to attend a certain

school. Be sure you visit the campus. Leave the completed application with Mrs. Wetzel and she will send it in with the transcripts along with recommendations.

Most Colleges Will Not Require Writing Test Scores: If you're a junior or sophomore and wondering about the new writing tests on college admissions exams, make sure you check with the colleges you are considering attending before you register to take the exams. It's possible that you won't have to take a writing test.

You can now apply online for the 2020-21 NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete. Their web site is [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)

March 2 Success is an on-line test preparation course that will provide help with taking standardized tests and improve math and English skills. March 2 Success is free. There is no obligation. March 2 Success will help you prepare for assessment examinations, college entrance examinations, trade school entrance tests, military entrance

test and applying for a job. Go to [www.March2Success.com](http://www.March2Success.com) to see a demo and register for the course.

## VIRTUAL EVENTS

November 4- November 8- November 11- November 18- November 24- school December 2- ICAN 'The Scholarships Process', register [here](#). Perfect for high school seniors.

NACAC Virtual College Fair, register [here](#).

ICAN 'Earn As You Learn: Exploring Careers in the Building Trades', register here . Great for all high school students.

ICAN 'How to Pay for College: Understanding the Financial Aid Process', register here. Perfect for high school seniors and their parents.

ICAN 'Employability: Building Skills for Any Career', register [here](#). Good for all high students.

ICAN 'Life After High School: Career and College Planning', register [here](#). Perfect for sophomores, juniors and their parents.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Most scholarships are online only, they are posted to the guidance page of the school's website at <https://ia02217956.schoolwires.net/domain/205> Check back often as more are added!

The University of Iowa is offering several scholarships for full-time first-year students who are entering the university for the first time in fall 2021. These scholarships do not apply to incoming transfer students. To see a list of all of the scholarships available and for more information, please visit <https://admissions.uiowa.edu/finances/scholarships-first-year-students> Deadline: varies- apply early!

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honors students in grades 5-12 for making meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service. Applications are now open for 2021 awards. Please visit <https://spirit.prudential.com/apply/2021> to apply.

Deadline: November



## WHS Guidance Department, Continued / *Guidance Webpage*

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2020 Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarships. You must be a high school senior and US citizen. The top 20 finalists will participate in an all expenses paid Leadership Weekend in Chicago during which they'll interview with the national judges. These 20 finalists will be vying for two first-place awards of \$50,000; two second-place awards of \$40,000; and two third-place awards of \$30,000. The remaining 14 finalists will receive awards of \$20,000. The 480 runners-up will receive fifth-place scholarships of \$4,000. Applicants do NOT need to be related to a member of the Elks. Applications can be downloaded at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm). Deadline: November 15.

The Hagan Scholarship up to \$5,000 per semester. Up to 150 new scholarships can be awarded each year. Mandatory workshops are required. Please visit their website for eligibility requirements and more information: <http://haganscholarships.org/> Deadline: November 15.

Hixson Opportunity Award ISU

The Hixson Opportunity Award is a half-tuition grant (estimated value of more than \$17,000

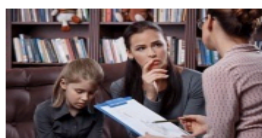
over eight semesters) to be used at Iowa State University. One hundred high school seniors from across Iowa will receive the award each year. Ideally, recipients will represent each county in the state. If you are a high school senior who demonstrates potential in ways that go beyond class rankings and test scores, you may wish to apply at <https://www.hixson.dso.iastate.edu/>. Deadline: December 15

The Lillard-Miller and Eva Rogan Funds were established to help students finance post high school education. The funds are financed through private contributions. Loans are available for up to \$1,000 per year per student and a maximum of \$3,000 per student. No interest is charged, but the loans must be paid back. Applications are available on the guidance webpage and in the guidance office or the administrative office and may be completed anytime now through August.

### THE CHILD MIND INSTITUTE

[www.childmind.org](http://www.childmind.org)

If you have a child who is struggling with emotional or behavioral issues and medication is recommended, you can find yourself having to make decisions without enough information. They've created resources to help parents understand what role medication can play in treatment, whether your child has anxiety, ADHD, depression, autism or something else.



#### Guide to ADHD Medications

Ritalin or Adderall? Short- or long-acting? The alternatives, and how they work.

[READ MORE >](#)



#### Best Medications for Kids With Anxiety

Antidepressants are the most effective evidence-based choice.

[READ MORE >](#)



#### Treatment for Depression

What parents need to know about therapy, medication and finding a good clinician.

[READ MORE >](#)



#### Is Your Child Getting the Right Dosage?

Problems with meds often stem from the wrong dosage.

[READ MORE >](#)



#### How to Take Kids Off Medication

Tips for helping your child make a good transition.

[READ MORE >](#)



## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Check for updates at [raccoonriverconference.org](http://raccoonriverconference.org)  
or call the high school at 462-3320.

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Nov 24	4:45PM	9/JV/V-Boys	DM Lincoln	Winterset
Nov 30	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	Creston	Winterset
Dec.4	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	Bondurant-F	Bondurant-F
Dec 7	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	Norwalk	Winterset
Dec 8	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	Boone	Winterset
Dec 11	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	Carlisle	Carlisle
Dec 15	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	Carroll	Carroll
Dec 18	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	Gilbert	Winterset
Dec 22	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	North Polk	North Polk

### JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Nov 9	4:15 PM	7 A/B	ADM	Winterset JH
		8 A/B	ADM	ADM
Nov 12	4:15 PM	7 A/B	Bondurant-F	Bondurant
		8 A/B	Bondurant-F	Winterset JH
Nov 16	4:15 PM	7 A/B	Gilbert	Winterset JH
		8 A/B	Gilbert	Gibert MS
Nov 19	4:15 PM	7 A/B	Boone	Boone
		8 A/B	Boone	Winterset JH
Nov 23	4:15 PM	7 A/B	Carlisle	Winterset JH
		8 A/B	Carlisle	Carlisle MS
Nov 30	4:15 PM	7 A/B	Perry	Winterset JH
		8 A/B	Perry	Perry MS
Dec 5	4:15 PM	7 A/B	North Polk	Winterset JH
		8 A/B	North Polk	North Polk
Dec 7	4:15 PM	7 A/B	Ballard	Ballard MS
		8 A/B	Ballard	Winterset JH
Dec 10	4:15 AM	7 A/B	ADM	ADM- Old MS
		8 A/B	ADM	Winterset JH
Dec 14	4:15 PM	7 A/B	Carlisle	Winterset JH
		8 A/B	Carlisle	Carlisle MS
Dec 15	4:15 PM	7 A/B	Norwalk	Winterset JH
	4:30 PM	8 A/B	Norwalk	Norwalk MS
Dec 17	4:15 PM	7 A/B	Perry	Perry MS
		8 A/B	Perry	Winterset MS

### HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SITE
Dec 1	5:30 PM	Newton - Meet	Indianola YMCA
Dec 5	10:00 AM	Newton	Newton YMCA
Dec 21	5:30 PM	Ames	Indianola YMCA

### HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Dec 1	5:30 PM	JV/V	I-35, NV, Creston	I35
Dec 3	5:30 PM	JV/V	PerryCreston	Winterset
Dec 5	10:00 AM	V	Harlan Tournament	Harlan
Dec 5	9:30 AM	JV	Winterset Tournament	Winterset
Dec 10	5:30 PM	JV/V	Norwalk/Oskaloosa	Norwalk
Dec 11	5:00 PM	JV	Saydel Tournament	Saydel
Dec 12	10:00 AM	V	Johnston Tournament	Johnston
Dec 14	5:00 PM	JV	Knoxville Tournament	Knoxville
Dec 17	5:30 PM	JV/V	Boone/ADM	Boone
Dec 18	5:00 PM	JV	Indianola Tournament	Indianola
Dec 19	10:00 AM	V	Roland-Story Tourn	Roland-Story

### JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Nov 12	4:30 PM	7/8	DC-G	DC-G
Nov 17	4:15 PM	7/8	Perry Tournament	Perry
Dec 3	4:15 PM	7/8	Chariton Tournament	Chariton
Dec 7	4:30 PM	7/8	Perry, Saydel	Winterset
Dec 11	4:15 PM	7/8	Perry Tournament	Perry
Dec				

## ADMISSION PRICES

Admission prices to all Varsity events will be \$5 for everyone. Sub-varsity events will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. Tournaments will be \$5 for everyone. Junior high events will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Please check COVID requirements pre-game/meet.

## ADULT ACTIVITIES TICKETS

We are in the Raccoon River Conference. Other RCC schools are Adel-DeSoto-Minburn (ADM), Ballard-Huxley, North Polk, Gilbert, Boone, Carlisle, Carroll and Perry.

Adults have several options available for activity tickets. A \$110 adult pass is good for all events during the school year except state sponsored activities. A family

pass may be purchased for \$250.

The season tickets can now be purchased with credit card or debit card on the Parent Portal and picked up at the High School office. If you have any questions regarding these, feel free to call Randy McDonald, Activities Director at 462-3320.



## 2020-2021 Winterset Community School Calendar Board Approved (11.11.19)

**CALENDAR LEGEND**

Start   
 No School   
 End of Quarter 

**Teacher Contract Days**

178 Student Contact Days  
 2 Conference Comp Days (11.25 & 4.5)  
 5 Pre-Service/Engagement Days  
 1 Work Flex Day\*\* (8.21 OR June)  
 2 PD Days (11.24 & 2.15)  
 1 Innovation Day\*\*\* (10.26)  
 1 TQ Day\*\*\* (11.23)

190 Days

\*\*\*TQ=contract day as long as funded by state

**New Teacher Days**

August 3 (1/2 day, 8am-noon)  
 August 12 & 13  
 New teachers work August 21 Flex Day

**\*Late Start Wednesdays\***

School begins **2 hours late every**  
 Wednesday for professional development.

\*Cancelled school days may be made up  
 at end of school year (June).

\*\*Teacher work day is flexed for returning  
 teachers. Work 1 day either August 21 or  
 June 1. Notification to principal at  
 checkout in spring.

\*\*\*Innovation and TQ Days are  
 professional development for certified  
 staff.

\*\*\*\*Adjustments may be made to end of  
 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> quarter/term if more than 2  
 days are cancelled.

August					Hours	Days
M	T	W	Th	F		
03	04	05	06	07		
10	11	12	13	14		
17	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28	31.5	5
31					38.0	6
September						
	01	02	03	04	63.0	10
07	08	09	10	11	88.0	14
14	15	16	17	18	119.5	19
21	22	23	24	25	151.0	24
28	29	30			169.5	27
October						
			01	02	182.5	29
05	06	07	08	09	214.0	34
12	13	14	15	16	245.5	39
19	20	21	22	23	275.0	44
26	27	28	29	30	300.0	48
November						
02	03	04	05	06	331.5	53
09	10	11	12	13	363.0	58
16	17	18	19	20	394.5	63
23	24	25	26	27		
30					401.0	64
December						
	01	02	03	04	426.0	68
07	08	09	10	11	457.5	73
14	15	16	17	18	489.0	78
21	22	23	24	25	502.0	80
28	29	30	31			
January						
				01		
04	05	06	07	08	533.5	85
11	12	13	14	15	563.0	90
18	19	20	21	22	594.5	95
25	26	27	28	29	626.0	100
February						
01	02	03	04	05	657.5	105
08	09	10	11	12	689.0	110
15	16	17	18	19	714.0	114
22	23	24	25	26	745.5	119
March						
01	02	03	04	05	777.0	124
08	09	10	11	12	808.5	129
15	16	17	18	19		
22	23	24	25	26	838.0	134
29	30	31			856.5	137
April						
			01	02	869.5	139
05	06	07	08	09	894.5	143
12	13	14	15	16	926.0	148
19	20	21	22	23	957.5	153
26	27	28	29	30	989.0	158
May						
03	04	05	06	07	1020.5	163
10	11	12	13	14	1052.0	168
17	18	19	20	21	1083.5	173
24	25	26	27	28	1113.0	178
31	*+2 conference days				1129.0	
June						
	01	02	03	04		

Date	Events
Aug 12-13	New Teacher Days
Aug 14-20	Teacher Pre-Service
Aug 20	Elem Family Engagement (noon-8:00)
Aug 20	MS Family Engagement (noon-8:00)
Aug 20	JH Family Engagement (noon-8:00)
Aug 20	HS Family Engagement (noon-8:00)
Aug 21	Teacher Work Day – Flex**
Aug 24	First Day of School
Sept 2	No School-Teacher wk day
Sept 7	Labor Day (No School)
Sept 25	Homecoming
Oct 5	HS Conferences (3:30-6:30)
Oct 6 & 14	MS Conferences (3:30-7:30)
Oct 13 & 15	Elem Conferences (4:00-8:00)
Oct 23	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter (44 days) 2-hour early dismissal
Oct 26	Innovation Day-outbound (No School)
Nov 10 & 12	JH Conferences (3:30-7:30)
Nov 23	TQ Day (No School)
Nov 24	PD Day (No School)
Nov 25	Teacher Comp Day (No School)
Nov 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
Dec 9	HS Conferences (3:30-6:30)
Dec 23-Jan 1	Winter Break (No School)
Jan 4	Classes Resume
Jan 15	End 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (46 days) 2-hour early dismissal
Feb 2 & 8	MS Conferences (3:30-7:30)
Feb 15	PD Day (No School)
Feb 16 & 18	JH Conferences (3:30-7:30)
Feb 24	HS Conferences (3:30-6:30)
March 9 & 11	Elem Conferences (4:00-8:00)
March 15-19	Spring Break
March 26	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (44 days) 2-hour early dismissal
April 5	Teacher Comp Day (No School)
April 28	HS Conferences (3:30-6:30)
May 21	Seniors Last Day
May 23	Graduation
May 28	Last Day for Students* (44 days) 2-hour early dismissal
June 1	Teacher Work Day – Flex**

\*49 hours overage for snow days

## 2020-2021 Winterset Community School – Preschool Calendar Board Approved (11.11.19)

**CALENDAR LEGEND**

Start/End

No School

M	T	W	Th	F	Days
September					
	01	02	03	04	13
07	08	09	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30			
October					
			01	02	29
05	06	07	08	09	
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	
November					
02	03	04	05	06	40
09	10	11	12	13	
16	17	18	19	20	
23	24	25	26	27	
30					
December					
	01	02	03	04	53
07	08	09	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30	31		
January					
				01	68
04	05	06	07	08	
11	12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	
25	26	27	28	29	
February					
01	02	03	04	05	81
08	09	10	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	
March					
01	02	03	04	05	94
08	09	10	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	
29	30	31			
April					
			01	02	111
05	06	07	08	09	
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	
May					
03	04	05	06	07	123
10	11	12	13	14	
17	18	19	20	21	

Date	Events
*No Preschool on Wednesday plus the additional days noted	
Sept 7	Labor Day (No School)
Sept 8	First Day of Preschool
Sept 25	Homecoming
Oct 23	No Preschool End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
Oct 26	No Preschool
Nov 5 & 10	No Preschool - Conferences
Nov 23-27	No Preschool-Fall Break
Dec 23-Jan 1	No Preschool-Winter Break
Jan 4	Classes Resume
Jan 15	No Preschool End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester
Feb 11 & 16	No Preschool - Conferences
Feb 15	No Preschool
March 15-19	No Preschool-Spring Break
March 26	No Preschool End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
April 5	No Preschool
May 21	Last Day for Preschool



*"Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful"*

Community Partner

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Today, October 9/ 2020 the state allocated approximately \$14.5 million of federal CARES Act funds for utility assistance programs (the Small [Business Utility Disruption Prevention Program](#) launched in mid-July). To be eligible to receive assistance, a residential electric, natural gas and/or water utility customer must have:

- A primary Iowa residence with active residential utility accounts, renters may apply as long as the utility account is in the applicant's name;
- An unpaid utility bill balance or have previously entered into a payment plan with their utility provider;
- An annual income that is 80% of the median family income, based on county and household size
- Experienced a COVID-19 loss of income (job loss, reduction in hours, reduction in pay) on or after March 17, 2020 that resulted in hardship in paying bills for electric, natural gas, and/or water utility service provided between March 17, 2020 and October 31, 2020.

For a full list of eligibility requirements, additional information and to apply, visit [iowahousingrecovery.com](http://iowahousingrecovery.com). Applications will be accepted between **October 8, 2020, and November 20, 2020**, or until funding is depleted, whichever comes first. Assistance will be awarded based on application completeness and eligibility in order received until all funds have been exhausted.

Please share this information widely!

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**STUDENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES**

24-Hour Central Iowa Crisis Line (CICS)	844-258-8858
<b>Child Abuse Hotline</b>	<b>1-800-362-2178</b>
<b>FAX</b>	<b>1-515-564-4011</b>
Community Partnerships for Protecting Children	www.cpponline1.com
Crisis Intervention & Advocacy (CIAC)	1-800-400-4884
CRISP	462-9400
Madison County Community Services	462-2931
Madison/Dallas County Department of Human Services	1-800-397-3232
Madison County Extension Office	462-1001
MATURA/Multi-Purpose Center	462-4704
United Way Help Line	211
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor	641-782-8538
If you are experiencing a medical emergency, are in danger, or are feeling suicidal, call 911 immediately.	
Suicide Hotline: 800-784-2433	
Immediate Medical Assistance: 911	
Crisis Call Center: 800-273-TALK (8255) or text ANSWER to 839863	
<a href="http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/">http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/</a>	
Crisis Text Line (U.S. only): Text HELLO to 741741	
<b>Counseling Agencies:</b>	
Patti Campidilli (Indianola/DSM)	962-9126/277-7117
**Central Iowa In-Home Counseling	641-858-3852
Child Guidance Center (DSM)	244-2267
Child Psychiatry Associates (DSM)	288-5570
**Choices Therapy Services (Indianola/DSM)	
Zach Pachol - adolescents & adults	515-279-0111
Brenda Wood-Clark - Therapy	641-745-0499
Counseling for Growth and Change(DSM)	243-1020
*Crossroads Behavioral Health Center	462-3105
Joshua Krueger - adolescents & adults	
Becky McGuire - BHIS	
Bre Leymaster - Victim Advocate	
Brittany Palmer - IHH	
Tony Rothmeyer - Peer Support	
Leslie Russell - substance use	
Wes Starlin - adolescents & adults	
Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center	274-4006
Every Step Hospice/Grief Support	641-342-2888
**Full Circle Therapy Services, LLC (Winterset/DSM)	712-352-0917
Amanda Jaramillo Ayon - children, adolescents, & adults	
Dawn Doerr-Johnson - children, adolescents, marriage & family therapy	
Taylor Sherrick - children, adolescents	
Ginger Stott - BHIS	
Joyce Westphal - children, adolescents, adults - PCIT & EMDR	
Live Life Healthy/Michael Borst (7-12)	240-9474
Lutheran Hospital (DSM)	263-5612
Mercy Behavioral Health (DSM)	643-0550
Mercy Intake/Help (DSM)	271-6111
Mercy Pediatric Neurology & Psychiatry Center	643-6290



Dear 2021 Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

Congratulations on your accomplishments at WHS! We would like to remember your time at WHS in our 2021 Boomerang Yearbook with a special section for seniors. Could you please help us by providing a senior picture? Below are some suggestions to help you choose a photo that will look best in the yearbook:

- Student shown from waist or chest up and at eye-level
- Nothing covering student's face
- Natural or solid background
- 300kb or larger so they will not appear blurry (no screenshots please!)

Please submit photos to [boomerang@winterset.k12.ia.us](mailto:boomerang@winterset.k12.ia.us) before **January 31**. Include the student's name in the subject line of the email. If your senior pictures are scheduled for later in the year or we do not receive a photo before January 31, we will use the student's school picture or take a snapshot during school hours to use as a placeholder until we receive a different photo.

If you are unable to submit a senior picture, a yearbook representative can take one. Please contact us before January 31 to arrange a photo shoot.

Your senior yearbook is a keepsake you will treasure. Please order your yearbook today by visiting [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). Order before **February 7** to get the best price! Payment plans are available.

A great way to recognize a special senior is to purchase a senior recognition ad. You can easily create an ad using Jostens software to celebrate your student's accomplishments and/or surprise them with a heartfelt message. You may also include baby photos or additional senior photos. Ads can be purchased in four sizes:

- Full page: \$175
- 1/2 page: \$100
- 1/4 page: \$50
- 1/8 page: \$25

To purchase a senior recognition ad, visit [www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com). Please see additional information on the following page. Senior ads are due by **April 30**.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [hbelieu@winterset.k12.ia.us](mailto:hbelieu@winterset.k12.ia.us)  
Thank you for helping our seniors remember this year forever!

Sincerely,  
Heather Blue-Belieu  
Yearbook Adviser

### IS THIS PHOTO RIGHT FOR THE YEARBOOK?

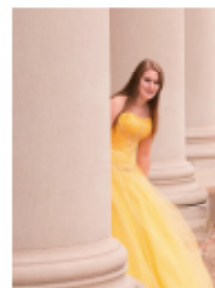


Image by James Cook, from Shabaz

- Too far away
- Distracting background



Image by Zaidin Alamedd, from Shabaz

- Not eye-level
- Sunglasses cover face



Image by Malinda Schaefer, from Shabaz

- PERFECT!**
- Waist-up
- Eye-level
- Simple/natural background

# Stay Connected with WCSD!



## Upgraded Website:

- [www.winterset.k12.ia.us](http://www.winterset.k12.ia.us)
- District homepage updated weekly
- School homepages are updated frequently with information
- Daily calendar of events for schools as well as athletics/activities is located on district homepage

## Electronic Backpacks:

- Located on both the district and school homepages - includes fliers, newsletters, important and timely information

## Facebook:

- Winterset Community School District:  
[@winterset.schools](https://www.facebook.com/winterset.schools)
- Winterset Huskies for Athletics and Activities updates:  
[@WintersetHuskies](https://www.facebook.com/WintersetHuskies)



Winterset Community School District

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Congrats!!



## Twitter:

- WintersetSchools: [@WintersetSchool](https://twitter.com/WintersetSchool)
- Winterset Huskies for Athletics and Activities updates: [@WintersetHusky](https://twitter.com/WintersetHusky)

## Infinite Campus:

- Must have a **portal account** - contact your school's office or the Administration Building to request account

## Madisonian:

- Article by Superintendent every other week



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Check out a few of the art projects our 9-12th grade students completed this week! [#WintersetHuskyPride](https://twitter.com/WintersetHuskyPride)

