

# Westfall



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER #RISEABOVE

OCTOBER 2022

### DISTRICT EVENTS

OCTOBER 2

Custodial Appreciation Day

OCTOBER 3

Teacher In-Service - No School for Students

OCTOBER 4-7  
WMS/WHS Food Drive

OCTOBER 8  
Homecoming Dance

OCTOBER 12  
WES Food Drive for Westfall CARES

OCTOBER 13  
WHS Choir Concert 6:30 PM

OCTOBER 14  
Unity Day  
WMS/WHS Picture Retake Day

OCTOBER 18  
WMS/WHS Parent-Teacher Conferences

OCTOBER 19  
2-Hour Early Release  
End of First Nine Weeks

OCTOBER 20-21  
Pumpkin Show Break - No School

OCTOBER 24  
Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM

OCTOBER 26  
WES Trunk or Treat 5:30 PM-7:00 PM  
WHS Band Concert 7:00 PM

OCTOBER 27  
Occupational Therapy Appreciation Day

OCTOBER 28  
Report Cards Distributed  
WES Harvest Parties

### Message from the SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Mustangs,

We have quickly moved into the month of October and, unbelievably, will soon finish the first quarter of the school year.

I want to thank the staff for showing patience and understanding as the ongoing renovations in the middle and high schools have taken place. It is exciting to know that this will be the last time Westfall Schools will open a new school year with no air conditioning.

As you can see, the construction project is progressing well. It is exciting to see the new shape of the high/middle schools being formed. Our staff and students should be utilizing the new addition as we begin 2023 in January.

It gives me great pride to see how many of our students benefit from a wide array of school activities. Whether it is through FFA, marching band, our athletic programs, etc., our students have excelled. Some of these programs have already demonstrated that they are at the top of Pickaway County.

The Ohio School Report Card has been released, and, as usual, we have many reasons to celebrate while finding areas where improvements need to be made. Of the twenty tested areas, Westfall finished second place in the county in ten of those areas. That is an improvement that reveals the ability to improve even more this year.

I have witnessed exciting and intentional instruction, in-depth engagement in our classrooms, and staff and students energized for the school year. With the cloud of COVID-19 receding, seeing such positive energy in our buildings as we continue and expand our focus on academic excellence is refreshing.

There is a lot to be proud of at Westfall, and the unique opportunities that are available to our students are part of what makes Westfall such a special place.

*Jeff Sheets*

Attention Pickaway Parents  
Join our next Mental Health Series...

#### Your Child's Anxiety

Learn simple strategies that will help parents respond to their child's anxiety. When needed, these skills will help the child and parent bond, allowing the child to identify and work through their anxiety more effectively.



Oct 25, 2022  
7:00-8:00 PM  
via Zoom

Register here  
<https://cookcenter.info/PickawayOct25>



The Pickaway County Educational Service Center (ESC), in partnership with parentguidance.org, is hosting Zoom-based educational series led by licensed therapists, which will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. October's meeting focuses on Your Child's Anxiety, where families can gain resources to help respond to their child's anxiety. All meetings are geared toward parents and caregivers to identify, understand, and positively impact their child's mental health needs. To register, please scan the QR code or visit <https://cookcenter.info/PickawayOct25>

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR STAFF

OCTOBER

3	Renaë Henry	WMS
5	Tom Scanlan	WES
7	Lou Davidson	DISTRICT
8	Julie Baumgardner	WES
11	Raelynn Hastings	WHS
12	Kala Cantor	WES
12	Missie Osborn	DISTRICT
14	Amy Fox	DISTRICT
15	Daniel English	WHS
15	Jeremy Null	WHS
21	Beth Cline	WMS
21	Chris Shockley	WES
23	Jennifer Poupart	WES
23	Brad Smith	WHS
27	Evan Whitaker	WHS
29	Sharon Wippel	WMS
30	Dalton Helsel	WES
30	Jaime Bossert	WMS

Welcome to the family, tiny Mustang!

Matthew Jacob Meister

Son of WHS Assistant Principal Christian Meister and his wife, Kate



**BIRTHDATE**  
9/27/2022  
**BIRTH TIME**  
5:27 pm  
**WEIGHT**  
7lbs 4oz  
**HEIGHT**  
20 in long

### CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS CONNECTING THE MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS



#### Building The Future

Construction is in full swing! Westfall Middle and High Schools are undergoing significant renovations to modernize our campus and expand educational areas to accommodate student growth. Through the temporary disruptions, we appreciate the support and patience of our staff and students.

### PURPLE STAR SCHOOL GIFTED CHALLENGE COIN

A challenge coin is a small coin or medallion bearing an organization's insignia or emblem and carried by the organization's members. It has been an American military tradition for a century, meant to instill unit pride, improve esprit de corps and reward hard work and excellence. The coin representation ranges anywhere from a small unit to the offices of top leaders, such as the Defense Secretary. In some instances, there are coins created for special events, anniversaries, and non-military leaders. Many service members and veterans proudly display challenge coins at their desks or homes, showing off the many missions they've been on, the top leaders they've met, and the units they've worked. Westfall High School will proudly display the challenge coin presented to Purple Star School Liaison and Assistant Principal Christian Meister during Military Appreciation Night at Southeastern High School on September 16. Thank you, Pete LuPiba, Deputy Director at the Ohio Office of Budget and Management, for recognizing our school and its commitment to Military-Connected Families.



For more information on Purple Star Schools and to watch a short clip of the coin presentation, please follow them on Facebook at @PurpleStarSchools. Also, check out our link Support for Military-Connected Families on our District website.



# Paul Lincke

GRADUATED FROM OHIO UNIVERSITY & MOUNT ST. JOE  
WORKED 10 YEARS FOR PIONEER AT CHILLICOTHE HIGH SCHOOL

## Fun Fact

I CAN THROW A  
BASEBALL WITH  
EITHER HAND



I AM  
EXCITED  
ABOUT NEW  
EXPERIENCES  
AT WESTFALL

HIGH  
SCHOOL  
INTERVENTION  
SPECIALIST



EXPERIENCES,  
GOOD OR BAD,  
ARE THE BEST WAY TO LEARN  
ABOUT YOURSELF.

# Stacy Caudill

GRADUATED FROM WESTFALL & OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

I LOVE THE WESTFALL COMMUNITY!  
I HAVE BEEN A PART OF WESTFALL MOST OF MY LIFE  
AND NOW I GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK!

## Fun Fact

I LOVE FISHING  
AND THE BEACH!



VARSVITY  
VOLLEYBALL  
COACH

HIGH  
SCHOOL  
SECRETARY



"YOUR ATTITUDE, NOT YOUR APTITUDE,  
WILL DETERMINE YOUR ALTITUDE."  
-ZIG ZIGLAR



Callen Logan

GRADUATED FROM SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY

3 YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE, ALONG WITH BEING A HOG AND CROP FARMER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL.



### Fun Fact

I WAS ONCE FLIPPED BY A PIG DURING MY HOG SHOW AT THE PICKAWAY COUNTY FAIR AND IT IS POSTED ON YOUTUBE

PRCTC/FFA  
AGRICULTURE  
SCIENCE  
TEACHER

I AM MOST EXCITED ABOUT JOINING THE WESTFALL FAMILY BECAUSE IT IS IN MY HOME COUNTY AND I AM EXCITED TO BE BACK!



"WHEN ONE TEACHES, TWO LEARN."  
—ROBERT HEINLEIN



# WORKING TOGETHER AT WESTFALL ELEMENTARY

## STEM | SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

The continual advances in technology are changing the way students learn, connect and interact every day. Skills developed by students through STEM provide them with the foundation to succeed at school and beyond.



Westfall Elementary students have begun to work in the newly introduced Mustang STEM Innovation Lab. By using the Engineering Design Process, they asked, imagined, planned, created, shared, and improved their designs. They built zip lines using Legos and materials during week one. The following week, they learned about catapults and trebuchets and built their catapults to see how far a mini marshmallow could fly, focusing on design and distance.



Mrs. Thompson's 4th-grade class has learned how to transfer potential energy to kinetic energy. Using teamwork, communication, and cooperation, her students engaged in the process of design thought, made hypotheses, and developed successful marble runs along the wall!



Mrs. Swain's 5th-grade class learned how water towers work through the use of pressure. Using only paper, they were challenged with building a water tower that was 12" high and could hold 8 ounces of water for a minimum of 10 seconds. They brainstormed, created prototypes, tested, and redesigned, working together to create a sturdy structure.



## Staff Members of the Month!



Shannon Nunemaker, Educational Aide  
Tara Caudill, Educational Aide  
Suzie Rice, Educational Aide  
Alissa Streitenberger, First Grade Teacher  
Dianna Swain, Gifted Teacher

**WES Student Council is hosting a traditional Trunk or Treat Wednesday, October 26, from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM.**

During Trunk or Treat, Student Council will be hosting a silent auction in loving memory of Tiffany Elster. We will be auctioning off painted foam pumpkins. All the proceeds from this auction will go to providing Christmas meals for WES families because Tiffany loved Christmas. You do not need to be present to win.

Because of Tiffany's love of Christmas, the Field of Dreams Committee will also host a silent auction for decorated themed Christmas trees. These proceeds will go back to WES in Tiffany's memory to provide enrichment grants for students and staff. We hope to have pictures available on the WES Facebook page about a week prior to the event. Thank you for supporting Student Council and Field of Dreams and for helping us honor Tiffany's love for the Westfall community and school! We look forward to seeing you at this fun community event!



## SHARING SUCCESS AT WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL



Mr. Bullock's 8th-grade Science class recently did a lab where students calculated the density of various liquids by creating density columns. They poured five different liquids into a clear cup to determine if they had predicted the correct order from most dense to least dense. The activity is used to model the formation of the early earth and show how, over millions of years,

the earth would form layers as the densest materials would sink to the middle. Each of the liquids have a different mass of molecules, which makes them have different densities, and therefore one can sit on top of the other - the more dense a liquid is, the heavier it is.



## PLANT THE PROMISE

Plant the Promise is a beautiful way to celebrate Red Ribbon Week, which is celebrated every October. The purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to present a visible commitment to living a safe, healthy, and drug-free life. During Red Ribbon Week, WMS Guidance Office has provided enough bulbs for each student to plant a red tulip around campus. When they bloom in the spring, they will serve as a reminder of the importance and the beauty of living a drug-free life.

## ACTION AGAINST HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

**OCT 4-7**

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**NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS**

- Canned Fruits and/or Vegetables
- Soup, Boxed Items
- Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Cereal
- Granola Bars, Oatmeal

FOOD CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LOBBY

2ND PERIOD FOR 8TH GRADERS  
1ST PERIOD FOR 5TH & 7TH GRADERS

THE CLASS WITH THE MOST DONATIONS WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL TREAT.

### OCTOBER 4-7

Westfall Middle School Student Council is hosting a food drive for Action Against Hunger.

Donations are being accepted during the week of October 4-7 in the main lobby of WMS!

More opportunities for the community to donate!

October 6 at WMS football game  
WHS Homecoming football game



*Staff Member of the Month!*



Kathy Fuller, WMS/WHS Art Teacher



# CONTINUING TRADITIONS AT WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL

The Mustang Victory Bell has been given new life as WHS sophomore Skylar Schmitt and his grandmother, Teresa Pitt, volunteered their time to adorn the bell with glittering silver paint surrounding the original Mustang design. Westfall alumna Teresa remembers painting the bell as a sophomore herself in the late 1960s; the tradition holds a special place in both Skylar and Teresa's family as well as Westfall High School history. The victory bell represents honor, achievement, and spirit among the Mustangs, and we look forward to ringing the newly painted bell after every victory!



## BE THE CHANGE YOUTH RALLY



Over 70 WHS Drug-Free Club members attended the Be The Change Youth Rally at the Pickaway County Fairgrounds today. Sponsored by Pickaway Addiction Action Coalition, the rally brought county students together to celebrate making positive choices and being drug-free leaders in their schools.



### Staff Members of the Month!



Debbie Hastings, Custodian  
Tyler Webb, Custodian

**OCT 4-7**

**FOOD DRIVE**  
*thank you for your donation!*

**COMMUNITY CUPBOARDS**

**FOOD DRIVE**

**NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS**

canned soup, canned meats, canned pasta, dry noodles, oatmeal, peanut butter/jelly, vegetables, cereal, snacks, macaroni and cheese

FOOD CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN MS. ONEY'S ROOM DURING 1ST PERIOD THE GRADE LEVEL WITH THE MOST DONATIONS WILL RECEIVE FREE PIZZA!

Westfall High School's community service class is hosting a food drive during the week of October 4-7 for Community Cupboards. The organization has food cupboards around our community where food is available for those in need. If the community is interested in donating to this great cause, please deliver donations to the front office of the high school during the week. Let's overflow the cupboards!



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### COLLEGE & CAREER NEWS

*Emily Smith* PICKAWAY WORKS COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELOR



### COLLEGE & CAREER NIGHT

Pickaway County College Career Night was a huge success! We had quite a few students making plans for their future! Thank you to our Westfall Student Ambassadors that volunteered their time to help.



WHS Staff got in the spirit of College and Career Night by sporting their favorite college shirts of their own!



### JOB SHADOWING



Job shadowing is an excellent way to learn valuable skills and tricks from those with more experience.

It's a highly effective form of training that allows the trainee the opportunity to ask questions and get real-time answers.

*Save the Date!*

**OCTOBER 12**  
PSAT Test Administered

**OCTOBER 13**  
Ohio University Visits WHS

**OCTOBER 14**  
Shawnee State Visits WHS

**OCTOBER 31**  
Career Dress-Up Day