

Westfall



MONTHLY eNEWSLETTER #RISEABOVE

DECEMBER 2022



DISTRICT EVENTS

DECEMBER 2

WMS/WHS Interims Available in ProgressBook

DECEMBER 5-9

Westfall CIA hosts Secret Santa Shop at WES

DECEMBER 6

NHS Blood Drive

WHS Auditorium 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

DECEMBER 7

WHS Band Concert 7:00 PM

DECEMBER 8

Westfall CIA hosts Goodies with Grands 5:30 PM

WHS Choir Concert 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 12

Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 13

WMS Band & Choir Concert 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 13-15

WMS/WHS Semester Exams

DECEMBER 14

End of Second Nine Weeks

DECEMBER 15

Westfall CARES Christmas Pack

DECEMBER 16

2-Hour Early Release for Staff & Students

DECEMBER 19 - JANUARY 3

Winter Break

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 25

Christmas

DECEMBER 31

New Years Eve



Message from the SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Mustangs,

November was the perfect month to have a spirit of thankfulness and realize all of the blessings that we experience in our lives. While appreciating such blessings should always be at the forefront, December almost offers an antithesis of November. It can be a great month to focus on gifting those blessings to others.

As a child, what do you remember about Christmas? My clearest memories are of our family spending time together. I was the youngest of six children. Two of my sisters and a brother were out on their own before I was even born. So Christmas was one of the few times we were all together. I remember those happy moments and cherish them more than the presents that I received.

This month, I hope we can all find a way to extend thankful blessings and gift happy moments to one another. These precious gifts do not require wrapping paper. Recognize the needs of others and reach out to them. Think of the elderly neighbor you witness spending time outside enjoying the warm weather of the summer months. They might not be nearly as visible during colder temperatures. How can you add a little cheer to their day? Small acts of kindness, such as shoveling their sidewalk or just stopping by to say hello, can mean so much to someone. In the spirit of the season, I hope you spread goodwill throughout the community with open and generous hearts.

The holidays are a festive time of year when we share special moments with our family, friends, and loved ones and look ahead to a new year filled with promise and opportunity. As we look forward to those new and exciting opportunities, we remain grateful for working cooperatively with all of you to make the Westfall Local School District the best place to rise above, build champions, and continue traditions.

My warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a Merry Christmas, a joyous holiday season, and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Jeff Sheets



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR STAFF

DECEMBER

2	Ashley George	WES
4	Jeffrey Conley	WMS
7	Nichole Younkin	WMS
10	Derek Lambert	WES
12	Lisa Lightle	WES
20	Christine Demas	WES
22	Lindsay Wolfe	WES
26	Cameron Pavey	WMS
29	Amanda Patterson	WES
29	Angela Ware	WES
31	Emily Smith	WHS

VETERANS DAY

A Morning of Honor, A Lifetime of Gratitude



Westfall Middle and High School held its annual Veterans Day assembly on Friday, November 11, to salute the area's veterans who served our country. Speeches of gratitude and encouragement, choral performances, the playing of Taps led by students Jacob Yeager and Mitchell Ruff, and the presentation of colors by the Five Points Boys Scout Color Guard made for an honorable morning.

Westfall Elementary Student Council served our veterans coffee and donuts for breakfast, offering messages of gratitude to those who visited. In addition, WES choral group, Musical Mustangs, performed a set of patriotic songs and presented a video slideshow with pictures and names of local veterans. We are so grateful to all veterans for their service and dedication!



Welcome to the family, tiny Mustang!

Adalynn Louise Trivette

Daughter of WMS Language Arts Teacher Patricia Trivette and her husband, Chris



BIRTHDATE
11/3/2022
WEIGHT
8lbs 9oz
HEIGHT
19.5 in long

CONGRATULATIONS!

WESTFALL CARES CHRISTMAS PACK

Westfall Cares would like to thank the Mustang Football team and Cheer Squad for assisting in our monthly food pack for our students. The month of December has a special packing day. We could use help on Thursday, December 15, at 4:00 PM.



We will make our Christmas boxes for our families, and families can pick them up after 5:00 PM. Some deliveries will need to occur, so drivers are also appreciated.

Please contact Candy Webb, Kathy Fausnaugh, Sharon Link, or Ms. T if you have any questions. This is an excellent opportunity



for student service hours and making a positive difference. Westfall CARES will return to its first Wednesday of the month packs in January. Have a wonderful holiday season. Hope to see you on December 15!

BUILDING CHAMPIONS AT WESTFALL ELEMENTARY

STUDENT-ATHLETE ROLE MODELS



Eight members of the Boys' Varsity Basketball team stopped by Westfall Elementary to read to our younger PK-2nd grade students! The impact of having student-athletes in the classroom creates role models that our young Mustangs can aspire to be as they get older.



RUFF FARMS HARVEST PRESENTATION



Our kindergartners learned the history of the first Thanksgiving, and its purpose is to celebrate the year's harvest and give thanks. As technology has improved, the agricultural production of goods has changed to meet our society's growing and changing needs. Special guests Mark and Marcia Ruff from Ruff Farms talked about how the crops grown in local fields help those around the world in many different ways through food, oils, fuels, and fabrics. Mr. Ruff even brought his combine to the school to show the students first-hand the equipment used to harvest crops.

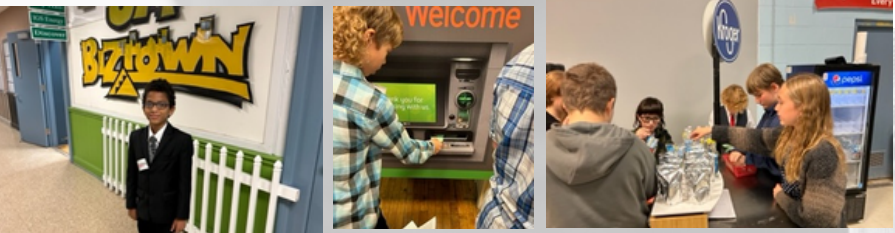
STAR GAZING



After a 2 1/2-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were so excited to invite families back to enjoy a 4th-grade performance of "Star Gazing," a musical collection of songs inspired by the wonders of the universe led by music teacher Miss Wynkoop. To enjoy the grand finale light show, please scan the QR code or visit the Westfall Local Schools YouTube page.



JA BIZTOWN



After completing a unit on financial literacy, 5th-grade students recently attended JA Biztown of Columbus. In this simulated town, they had the opportunity to work at businesses like Huntington Bank, Donatos, or State Farm Insurance, earning a paycheck and budgeting their income.

This hands-on experience helped students work together in teams, learn how to manage money through their savings and checking accounts, and see the importance of making a profit while avoiding a loss for their company.

Staff Members of the Month!



- Taylor Rawlings, Fourth-Grade Teacher
- Katie Wynkoop, Music
- Amy Fox, Curriculum Director
- Velvet O'Day, Reading Intervention
- Amanda Patterson, Art
- Samantha Graham, Substitute Cook (not pictured)

MODELING SUCCESS AT WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

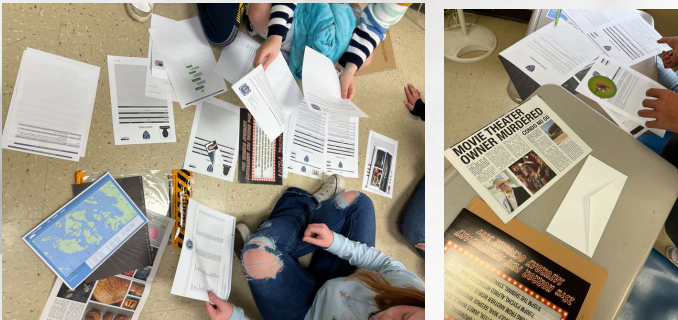
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MUSIC THERAPY



Music therapy is so beneficial in school settings to help students meet their physical, emotional, social, cognitive, and academic goals. It is a motivator and promotes physical wellness, manages stress, improves communication skills, and helps express feelings. Westfall Local Schools uses music therapy in each of our buildings to help students thrive along their educational journeys.

MURDER MYSTERY



Mr. Brown set up a friendly competition between groups in his 8th-period enrichment class to see who could solve the murder mystery! By analyzing multiple pieces of evidence and eliminating suspects, student investigators were able to put the right person behind bars.

Holiday Spirit Week

Monday, December 12th
Santa/Elf Hat or Headbands



Tuesday, December 13th
Dress like a Christmas Tree



Wednesday, December 14th
Ugly Sweater Day




Thursday, December 15th
Mismatch Holiday Attire

Friday, December 16th
You're a mean one Mr. Grinch



GREAT JOB!

Staff Member of the Month!



Emily McDowell, Educational Aide

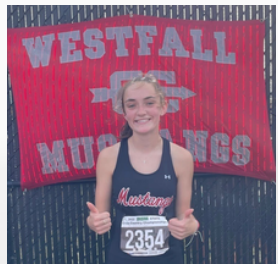
Hey Westfall Middle School! Join in on the fun with our upcoming Holiday Spirit Week! Show off your Christmas spirit during the week of December 12-16. And don't forget, 2-hour early release on Friday, December 16 to kick off the start of winter break!



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RISING ABOVE AT WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL

STATE BOUND FOR SHIPLEY - 3 YEARS RUNNING



3x State Qualifier Caitlyn Shipley placed 64th out of 178 competitors with a time of 20:26 in the OHSAA Division II State Cross Country Championship Meet on Saturday, November 5. Students and staff sent her off in style as they lined the halls, cheering her on and wishing her luck during a clap-out and parade.



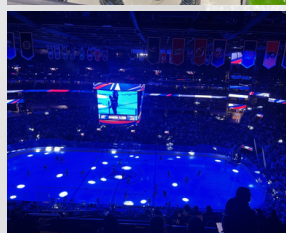
BPA VISITS CBJ

Business Professionals of America (BPA) is the nation's leading Career and Technical Student Organization for students pursuing careers in business management, information technology, finance, accounting, and office administration, among other business-related career fields.

On October 25, Westfall High School's BPA club members attended the Columbus Blue Jackets Annual BPA Day to gain a sneak peek of the behind-the-scenes strategies to form a successful enterprise. Speaker panelists included Wes England, Director of Premium Sales; Leah Cover, Senior Partnership Development Manager; Marcus Stephenson, VP of Media & Content; and Jeff Eldersveld, Senior Director of Business Strategy.

Students learned how the Columbus Blue Jackets performed their pre-sale activities to facilitate sales and the importance of managing business relationships to foster positive interactions for growth. On the digital end of the business, they learned the importance of social media analytics, establishing approaches to grow a larger following, and the best practices to engage with target demographics, utilizing that information to create actionable business recommendations.

Sophomore Marianna Packer and Junior Dawson Spaniol, both first-year members of Westfall's BPA club enjoyed the career day experience, witnessing first-hand the entirety of running



a business. They agreed the panelists were very professional when presenting the information.

Upon completion of the panels, the group was free to hit the ice! They enjoyed an open skate on the official Blue Jackets rink, toured the arena, and gave fist bumps and well wishes to the players as they skated out for an evening game!

GREAT JOB! Staff Members of the Month!



Karla Bartholomew, Educational Aide
Nick Downs, Assistant Technology Coordinator



COLLEGE & CAREER NEWS

Emily Smith
PICKAWAY WORKS
COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELOR



COLUMBUS COLLEGE TOUR

6 colleges in 6 hours? Challenge accepted! Students from Pickaway County schools toured public colleges, private colleges, 2-year schools 4-year schools, a nursing college and an art school in an extremely successful day! See Mrs. Smith for details!



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What did you do over Pumpkin Show break? Senior Wayne Kitchen was looking towards his future and spent the day job shadowing to see what a career in construction might look like! See Mrs. Smith if you too would like to job shadow a career you are interested in!

Job Shadow
WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL
Wayne, WHS Senior
Career Interest: CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
Shadow Location: JAY-CAR CONSTRUCTION

Thank you to Jay-Car Construction for partnering with us and offering a job shadow experience!

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SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 1
WHS representatives Danielle Elder & Steven Layton speak at Noon Rotary

DECEMBER 2
Pickaway Ross speaks with ALL Juniors & Seniors about educational opportunities after high school

DECEMBER 10
ACT Test administered at Teays Valley HS