



MUSTANG MONTHLY eNEWSLETTER #RISEABOVE

JANUARY 2023

DISTRICT EVENTS

JANUARY 2

Teacher Work Day
(No School for Students)

JANUARY 3

Classes Resume

JANUARY 6

Report Cards Distributed
Deadline to register for February ACT exam

JANUARY 10

College Credit Plus Information Night
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
WHS Auditorium

JANUARY 16

NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

JANUARY 19

ASVAB Test for Junior Class

JANUARY 27

ACT Prep Class
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Community Room



Message from the **SUPERINTENDENT**

Happy New Year, Mustangs!

I hope that everyone has enjoyed their Christmas break and that we are renewed and ready to begin 2023. To me, 2022 went by very quickly. However, there is much to look forward to as we enter the new year.

January 6, 2023, can always be remembered as the date we begin utilizing our new addition! We have passed the required inspections, and our students and staff will begin to use most of the new facility immediately.

We will have access to the community room, the new high school media center, two new science rooms for the middle school, and another two for the high school. While we have access to the new cafeteria serving middle and high school, the kitchen will be ready in two more weeks. Until then, meals will continue to be served and eaten in the existing areas. The addition's rear, which includes the athletic center, locker rooms, weight room, and aerobic space, will be open in March.

Please remember that renovation work on the high and middle schools will continue for the rest of this school year. When the project is completed, seven additional classrooms will be available in the high and middle schools, allowing us an opportunity to accommodate an increased student population in the future.

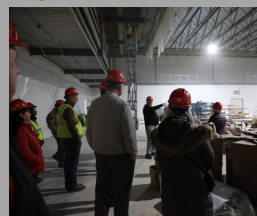
We will soon be planning an open house where community members can visit and tour our new facilities. I am looking forward to witnessing the positive impact that this project will make on the Westfall community.

Jeff Sheets

PICKAWAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TOUR THE NEW FACILITY

Led by Westfall Local School District Superintendent Mr. Sheets, the Pickaway County Commissioners recently had the opportunity to tour the new

62,000-square-foot addition, which connects the middle and high schools.



Happy New Year

JANUARY 2023

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR STAFF

JANUARY

1	Kay Newman	WHS
4	Lynn Huffer	WES
4	Ryan Day	DISTRICT
6	Jessica Yeager	WHS
8	Stacy Caudill	WHS
8	Holly Huff	WES
11	Olivia Thompson	WES
11	Marci Wippel	WES
12	Sharon Link	WHS
12	Matthew Pentiuik	WMS/WHS
13	Jeff Sheets	DISTRICT
13	Brian Wolfe	DISTRICT
16	Cheryl Lorson	WHS
17	Harry Miller	WHS
17	Joseph Patete	DISTRICT
21	Kevin Helsel	WES
23	Colleen Dalton	DISTRICT
24	Sharon VanCamp	DISTRICT
24	Bobbie Bergoon	WES
25	Kathy Fausnaugh	WES
26	Brian Delong	WHS
28	Will Breyer	WHS
28	Tish Chenoweth	WMS
29	Austin Leib	WMS
29	Kara Walters	WMS



As a Christmas thank you for all their hard work throughout the year, the Board of Education gifted each Westfall staff member with a Honeybaked Ham. Thank you to our board members and administration for ensuring each of our staff members gets a ham for the holidays!



The Holiday Hugs purchased this year helped provide gifts to 12 families--totaling 27 children! The kindness and generosity of everyone in the district is so incredible! Thank you to the WES counselors, Kala Cantor, Angela Ware, and Jenica Savage, for organizing this successful event!

Welcome to the family, tiny Mustangs!

NORA RILEY WIPPEL

Granddaughter of WES 2nd-Grade Teacher Marci Wippel and husband Jay.



BIRTHDATE
12/8/2022
BIRTH TIME
1:09 pm
WEIGHT
6lbs 2oz
HEIGHT
19½"

Congratulations to proud parents Austin (Westfall class of 2013) and Emily Wippel

TATUM CAPRI WHITTIER

Daughter of WES Preschool Teacher Paige Ruckman and Dane Whittier



BIRTHDATE
12/22/2022
WEIGHT
6lbs 9oz
HEIGHT
19.2"

wedding




WHS English teacher Bethany Treece and her husband Andy announce the wedding of their daughter, Kristen, to fellow Westfall graduate Jared Kaiser on November 4.

WESTFALL *cares*

Westfall Cares would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who helped assemble, pack and deliver over fifty Christmas food boxes! We would also like to thank all the volunteers who donated food for our collection. Our next monthly pack will be held on Wednesday, January 4, at 5:15 PM. We hope to see you there!



BUILDING CHAMPIONS AT WESTFALL ELEMENTARY

 "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!"

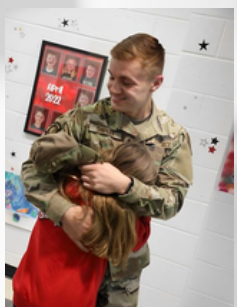
Our WES Musical Mustangs visited Logan Elm Healthcare and Pickaway Manor this holiday season to spread some cheer by singing Christmas carols. From traditional favorites such as "The 12 Days of Christmas" to a classic performance of "The Grinch" featuring the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who themselves!



SHOP WITH A COP



The Shop with a Cop event was terrific! Thank you, Pickaway County Sheriff's Office, Circleville Police Department, and Ohio State Highway Patrol, for volunteering your time to make this event a success!



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

5th-grader Brooklyn Shipley received a holiday surprise when she was greeted by her older brother and recent Westfall grad, Airman Tyler Shipley, who had just returned home after completing Tech School at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi.



Stocking Stuffers for Seniors

Westfall Elementary partnered with the Pickaway County branch of the American Red Cross this holiday season to provide comfort and joy to our senior population at nursing homes throughout the county.

Members of Student Council, along with several student helpers assisted in organizing gift bags full of comfort items such as blankets, lotion, books, and movies.



Staff Members of the Month!



- Lisa Lightle, Kindergarten Teacher
- Candy Webb, Educational Aide
- Vanessa Arnett, Educational Aide
- Jenica Savage, Clinical Counselor
- Bobbie Bergoon, Educational Aide
- marci Wippel, 2nd-grade Teacher



MODELING SUCCESS AT WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL



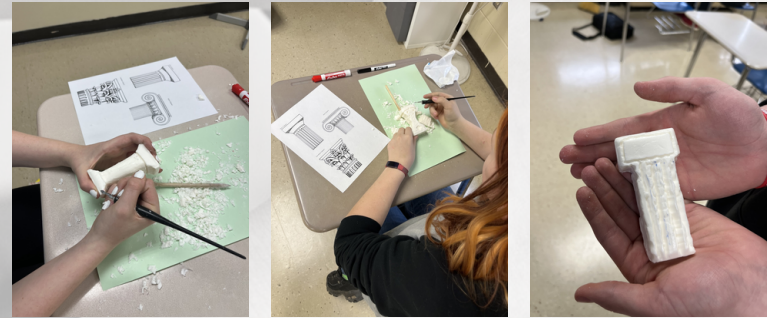
COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART



The Columbus Museum of Art brings thought-provoking, educational experiences to the public through art and culture. Earlier this month, our 7th-grade students had the opportunity to visit the museum and enjoy all that art has to offer.

GREEK COLUMNS

Mr. Brown's Enrichment class finished their unit on Ancient Greece by carving Greek Columns out of Ivory soap. What a creative way to bring the art, history, and natural beauty of Ancient Greece to the classroom!



SAVING THE ELF STUCK ON A BOOKSHELF



Mrs. McFarland's elf was busy decorating the classroom and got stuck on the shelf! Her Math Apps students quickly got to work, designing and testing vehicles to help zipline the elf to safety.

This engineering activity explored how weight distribution, balance, and friction affect a zipline vehicle's performance. The winning rescuers were Kaiden Sparks, Brady Reedy, Aubree Richards, and Zoe Farris from the team "Snail Engineering," saving the elf with an average time of 2.28 seconds!



Sandy Liston, Café
Betsy Keller, Café



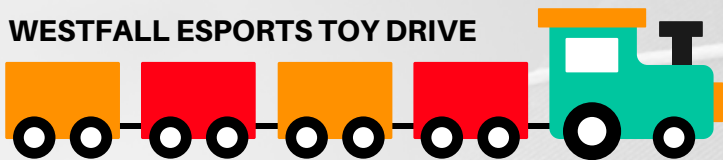
RISING ABOVE AT WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL

"IF YOU'RE THIRSTY ENOUGH,
YOU'LL FIND A WAY."



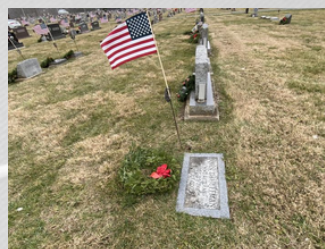
From Amputee to All-State, motivational speaker Brad Hurtig was a student-athlete in a small town in Northwest Ohio. Only days after finishing his sophomore year of high school, a devastating accident resulted in the amputation of both of Brad's hands. Through hard work and determination, he rejoined his high school football team. In his senior year, Brad led his team defense, recording 111 tackles, and received all-state honors while playing with no hands. This past month, Hurtig visited Westfall and delivered a strong message to our students about overcoming life's challenges with the mindset to "Find A Way."

WESTFALL ESPORTS TOY DRIVE



The Westfall eSports Toy Drive donated over 70 items to Nationwide Children's Hospital. Thank you to all who participated in making the season bright for kids in need!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Members of Westfall FFA joined the community in participating in Wreaths Across America at the Muhlenburg Township cemetery this holiday season. Nationwide, over

three-thousand cemeteries will pay tribute today to veterans by placing wreaths on graves to thank them for their service and dedication to our country. We are proud and humbled to be part of this tradition.

SNOWMAN STICKS

The secret is out! Several weeks before the holiday break, Westfall FFA members worked with 2nd-grade students on a top-secret gift for their families - SNOWMAN STICKS! Each snowman was cut to match the student's exact height, painted, and decorated as a keepsake for families.



Kate Schoonover, English Teacher
Stacy Caudill, Secretary
Brian Constable, Technology (Not pictured)



COLLEGE & CAREER NEWS

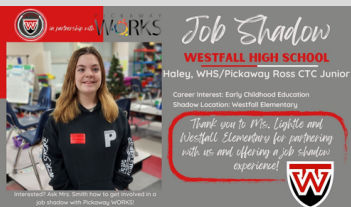
Emily Smith PICKAWAY WORKS
COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELOR



PICKAWAY ROSS ADULT EDUCATION

Brittany from Pickaway Ross Adult Education recently visited and spoke to our Juniors and Seniors about the in-demand career training opportunities available after graduation!

Check out all their programs for our Mustangs!
<https://www.pickawayross.com/page/ae-programs>



Haley is a Junior at Westfall and is enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program Pickaway Ross Career & Technology Center. She is exploring her options by job shadowing WES Kindergarten teacher Ms. Lightle to gain some insight on her future career.

CIRCLEVILLE NOON ROTARY



Seniors Danielle Elder and Steven Layton spoke at Circleville Noon Rotary Club. They did an amazing job with their speeches and even got to help make blankets for foster children in need! They represented Westfall well and seem to be Rotarians in the making!

INTERESTED IN COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS?



All students and families interested in taking CCP classes for the 2023-2024 school year are REQUIRED to attend the CCP Information Night on January 10 from 5:30 PM-7:00 PM in the WHS Auditorium. This meeting is also required for students who are already participating in CCP. To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3Hk6l5T> using the student's school email.

Make sure you complete the Letter of Intent Form and attach it before submitting your registration. Please register by January 09, 2023. If you have any questions about registration, please email tammee.kaminski@westfallschools.com.

Upcoming 2023 ACT Test Dates	
Next ACT National Test Date	Next Registration Deadline
September 10, 2023	August 5, 2023
October 20, 2023	September 15, 2023
December 10, 2023	November 5, 2023
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023



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FEBRUARY 15
Westfall Way Forward