

# Westfall



## MUSTANG MONTHLY eNEWSLETTER #RISEABOVE

FEBRUARY 2023

### DISTRICT EVENTS

FEBRUARY 3  
Interim Ends

FEBRUARY 4  
Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY 6-10  
School Counselor Appreciation Week

FEBRUARY 9  
WES Parent Teacher Conferences  
WMS/WHS Parent Teacher Conferences

FEBRUARY 10  
Interim Reports Available on ProgressBook  
WMS Dance 2:30 PM-4:00 PM

FEBRUARY 11  
Winter Wonderland Father-Daughter Dance  
WES - 6:00 PM

FEBRUARY 14  
Valentine's Day  
WES Parent Teacher Conferences

FEBRUARY 14-17  
WES Book Fair

FEBRUARY 15  
WHS Career Day  
Westfall Way Forward

FEBRUARY 17  
WES Friendship Parties

FEBRUARY 20  
NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day

FEBRUARY 21  
Board of Education Meeting  
6:30 PM - Community Room

FEBRUARY 22  
School Bus Driver Appreciation Day  
WHS Band Concert 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY 25  
Westfall Education Foundation  
Party with a Purpose  
5:00 PM - AMVETS

FEBRUARY 28  
WHS Choir Concert 6:30 PM

### *Message from the* **SUPERINTENDENT**

Dear Mustangs,

I enjoy reading all of our district and individual building Facebook posts. The accomplishments of our students are awe-inspiring and diverse.

Recently, our students in Business Professionals of America (BPA) have been very successful as they competed against larger school districts in Central Ohio. Our young entrepreneurs finished first, second, and third in the region and now advance to the State Conference in Columbus to compete against schools throughout Ohio.

Also, our FFA program has continued to generate some outstanding accomplishments. In January, a group of young ladies represented Westfall at the I Am/Connect State FFA Leadership Conference, cultivating healthy connections and setting goals to create change. Also, our FFA members were very successful in the finals for the "Drop the Mic" public speaking competition better to prepare students for future public speaking contests while helping fellow FFA members in need.

Westfall's success through our eSports team sets us apart from other schools in the area as they continue to be winners against much larger school districts in Ohio. At the end of the fall season, our chess team was second in the state, the Overwatch team went undefeated, the two Fortnite teams ranked 1st and 3rd in the central/southeast region, and the Valorant team ranked 2nd in the area.

While ODE mandates our curriculum, Westfall has continued to allow our students unique opportunities in the classroom and extracurricular activities that set the district apart from others. While the accomplishments mentioned above are good examples, there are many other ways that Westfall recognizes the needs of our students in this district.

Each district in Ohio has a unique personality. Watching how this district's personality flourishes is exciting and inspirational. I applaud our staff and students for allowing our Mustangs to thrive in creative ways. Today's success in the classroom will make a positive difference in the future of our community.

*Jeff Sheets*



thank you for all you do!



Pictured L-R: Board President Sean Ruth, Treasurer Joseph Patete, Superintendent Jeff Sheets, Board Vice President Mark Ruff, Board Member Christy Rigby, Board Member Zachary Ruoff, and Board Member Judy Cook

happy birthday  
TO OUR STAFF

FEBRUARY

2	Suzie Rice	WES
2	Candy Webb	WES
4	Rachel Whaley	WES
6	Jay Miller	WHS
6	Dianna Swain	WES
8	Logan Stepp	WHS
9	Renee Ingram	DISTRICT
12	Michelle Gamboni	WMS
13	Talea McGinnis	WES
14	Christian Payne	WES
15	Kathy Fuller	WMS
21	Nancy Downing	DISTRICT
21	Brooklyn Stage	WES
23	Mary O'Malley	WES
28	Dakota Griffith	WES

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

January is designated School Board Recognition Month to honor those who go above and beyond for our school district. Our school board members are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the tremendous job of governing our district and do so in a manner that illustrates what it means to be an incredible advocate for our students. We appreciate our amazing School Board members for their leadership and dedication to service in supporting the students and staff of Westfall Local School District.



To celebrate School Board Recognition Month, the Westfall Local School District Board of Education held the first of many board meetings in the newly constructed Community Room. An organizational meeting began with the annual nomination and election of the Board President and Vice President. The Board unanimously voted Sean Ruth as President and Mark Ruff as Vice President for 2023.

Westfall Local School District is looking forward to another successful year with those who represent our community as true servant leaders, who spend countless volunteer hours to ensure our district stays focused on our mission to educate every student. We appreciate them and hope they had a wonderful School Board Recognition Month.



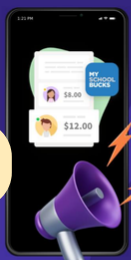
Westfall CARES

Westfall CARES would like to thank our community for its continued support of our community service. We are currently assisting over 50 families a week with supplemental food. We continue to accept cereal, peanut butter, soup, vegetables, and canned meats and pasta donations. If you are in need of assistance, please contact Kathy Fausnaugh or Candy Webb at Westfall Elementary, Sharon Link Westfall High School, or Theresa Butts at Westfall Middle School.

We would also like to Thank Julie Wolfe, Adrienne Barnes, and the children in their Methodist youth group for assisting in our January pack for our students. Thank you for all you do!



REMINDER



Check Student Lunch Balances

MY SCHOOL BUCKS



Families can now view their student's current balance and pay their lunch bill online at <http://www.MySchoolBucks.com>. If you have any questions or wish to discuss your student's balance, please contact WLSD Food Service Director at (740) 986-8805 or email [becky.shaw@westfallschools.com](mailto:becky.shaw@westfallschools.com).

Welcome to the family, tiny Mustang!

**BENNETT JAMES STREITENBERGER**  
Son of first-grade teacher Alissa Streitberger and her husband, Joseph



**BIRTHDATE**  
January 10  
**BIRTH TIME**  
5:48 AM  
**WEIGHT**  
7lbs., 1oz.



## BUILDING CHAMPIONS AT WESTFALL ELEMENTARY

### Sock Drive

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to Student Council's sock drive! We surpassed our goal of 500 pairs of socks and collected 1,332 pairs!!



### ENCORE DANCE PARTY



As a reward for their generosity to our community, the students at WES earned a dance party deejayed by Yellowbud Productions! Thank you to everyone who organized and contributed to our sock drive; we appreciate you all!



### SAFETY TOWN

Thank you, South Central Power Co., for bringing the Safety Town program to Westfall Elementary. Through the real-life scenarios of Safety Town, our fourth-grade students learned the importance of electrical safety and the dangers of overhead power lines.



If you're interested in enrolling your three or four-year-old child into Westfall's Preschool program, please complete the [2023-2024 WES Preschool Interest Form](#) before February 9, 2023. This interest form is the first step to applying for preschool! However, completing this interest form DOES NOT GUARANTEE your child's enrollment in our program. Completing this interest form will allow the Westfall Preschool Coordinator to prioritize the ages and needs of the children.

The Preschool Coordinator will begin to set up screening appointments and collect income verification in March 2023. Once the children's screenings are complete and income is verified, eligible families will receive a tuition notice and a full enrollment packet to be completed and submitted by April 15, 2023. Once provided with the full enrollment packet, you will return the completed packet with the following documents to be copied for your child's enrollment file:

- Child's Birth Certificate, Child's Social Security Card, Child Immunization Record, (2) Proofs of Residency (rental/lease agreement or mortgage coupon, a utility bill (only one utility bill may be used), or an Ohio Driver's License with current address.)
- Completed Physical Form
- Completed Dental Form
- All completed preschool enrollment packets must be returned to the front office by April 15, 2023.

For more information, please visit [About Westfall Preschool](#). If you have any further questions, please contact Talea McGinnis, Preschool Coordinator at (740) 986-4008 x 6012 or email [talea.mcginis@westfallschools.com](mailto:talea.mcginis@westfallschools.com).

WESTFALL ELEMENTARY



# Honor Roll

SECOND NINE WEEKS



## Staff Members of the Month!



Courtney Wiater, First-Grade Teacher  
 Nikki Andria, Educational Aide  
 Kevin Helsel, Custodian  
 Sarah Keirns, Third-Grade Teacher  
 Cayli Holbert, Headstart Teacher  
 Dakota Griffith, Third-Grade Teacher



## MODELING SUCCESS AT WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL



### 8th Grade Baby Picture

**Due by Friday, February 10th**

Email Mrs. Younkin your baby picture or you can give her a picture to be scanned and returned. Your baby picture will be featured with others in the Yearbook.

### ATTENTION 8th GRADERS

Please bring in your baby picture in to be included in the 2022-2023 edition of the yearbook. Pictures can be sent in to be scanned or emailed to Mrs. Younkin. The deadline is February 10.

WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Honor Roll

SECOND NINE WEEKS



Since the start of 2023, Westfall Middle and High school students have been able to utilize several parts of the new addition. The hallway connecting the two buildings have been a blessing on the cold, rainy mornings, and the science labs make a great space for innovative learning!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE CLASS HOSTS CLOTHING DRIVE WITH FFA

Westfall's community service class and Westfall FFA will hold a clothing drive during the entire month of February at the high school. For your convenience, items can also be dropped off at the middle school. The clothing will be donated back to the community in numerous activities.

During FFA Week, February 20-24, we will collect new socks and underwear in children and teen sizes to be distributed to our back-to-school event in the fall. This is a great way to begin spring cleaning and help worthy service organizations. Welcome spring!

Don't miss out on your 2022-2023 WMS Yearbook! The full-color yearbook will include school portraits, candid photographs of school events, group activities, and classroom photos in a hardcover format! Print order form at <https://5il.co/1na4f> or order online at <http://www.jostensyearbooks.com> before February 24 to secure your copy.

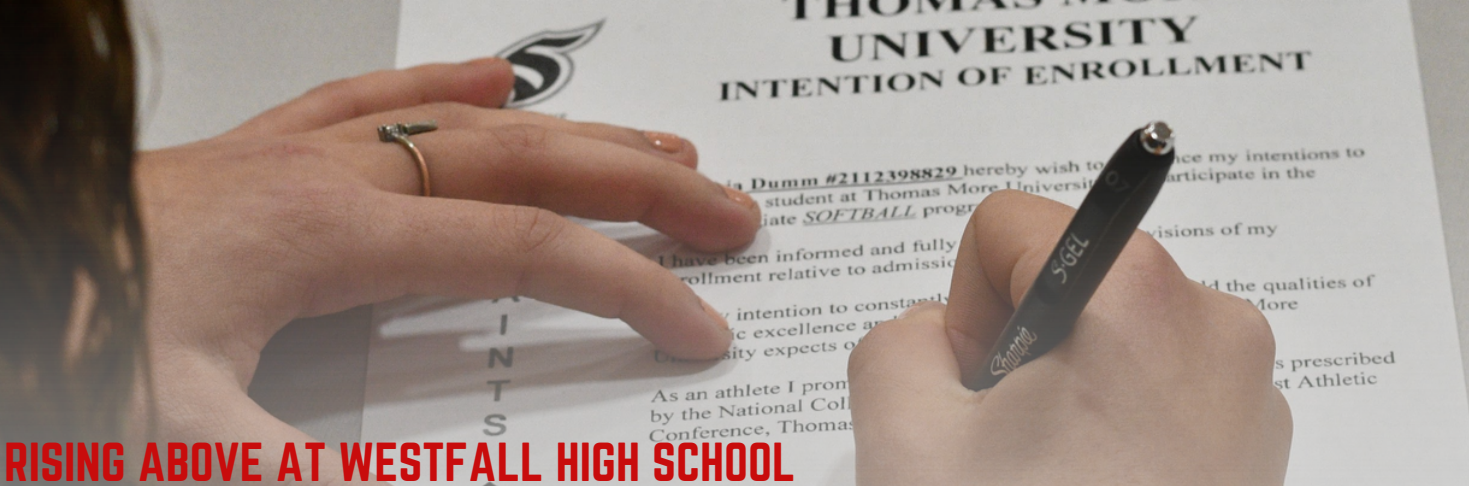
**GREAT JOB!** Staff Member of the Month!

## SCALING UP A CANDY BAR

Students in Mr. Leib's 6th grade Math class recently took on the challenge of blowing up candy wrappers - drawn to a larger scale. A scale drawing is a smaller or larger representation of a real-life object on paper using proportions and scales to make it an accurate representation. They each created a grid on a poster that represents the blocks used for the enlargement. This project taught them about scale factors, proportions, and ratios.



Caryn Dinneen, Educational Aide



## RISE ABOVE AT WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL



### SENIOR SIGNS WITH TOP COLLEGE

Westfall senior Olivia Dumm has signed to play softball for the NCAA Division II Saints of Thomas More University in the spring of 2024. Academically, Olivia plans to major in Exercise Science at Thomas More University with the career goal of becoming an Occupational Therapist.

WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL

Honor Roll  
SECOND NINE WEEKS

## Do you like pizza? Especially when it's a good deal?



### SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE

WHS Prom Committee has a great deal for you! Purchase a Domino's Slice the Price Pizza card for \$15. Every time you buy a large pizza at menu price, you get another large pizza FREE! The proceeds from this fundraiser benefit this year's prom. Sale ends February 10. Visit [slicethepricecard.com/38984](http://slicethepricecard.com/38984) to order!

### STUDENTS RECEIVE SUPERIOR RATINGS



Congratulations Bailey Burke, Danielle Elder, Jenny Thomas, and Ben Egbert, who successfully performed in the OMEA Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event at Pickerington High School.

Danielle, Bailey, and Jenny played a piece for the percussion ensemble in Class C, and Ben performed a Class B oboe solo. Both events earned Superior ratings, the highest on the OMEA scale!

### A PROPER TEA PARTY

After learning about formal/informal place settings and table etiquette, Mrs. Yeager's Food Science classes celebrated the completion of their United Kingdom lesson with a proper tea party. They prepared finger sandwiches and scones, serving them with tea and cranberry punch to their guests, using the cranberries they canned in November. They invited Mrs. Hook's Speech class to tea, who brought appropriate conversation starters for a delightful social interaction.



## Staff Members of the Month!



Ryan Clark, Maintenance  
Callen Logan, Agriculture Science  
JD Williamson, Technology



# COLLEGE & CAREER NEWS

*Emily Smith*

PICKAWAY WORKS  
COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELOR



## CAREER EXPLORATION THROUGH JOB SHADOW

Senior Madison Cook explored a future career option by job shadowing a local Pharmacist at Schieber's Family Pharmacy in Circleville. These shadowing experiences are part of the larger career exploration process, helping students make decisions on college choices and course selections for their future career.



## PICKAWAY WORKS STUDENT AMBASSADORS

We had a great first meeting with our Pickaway WORKS Student Ambassadors group! Westfall students include Bailey Burke, Jacob Yeager, Kyle Yang, Abigail Bretthauer, and Lenora Shannon (not pictured). Proud Mustangs serving their community as student leaders!



## IMAGINE ROTARY

Westfall Seniors Makayla Cook and Matthew Mathes did a fantastic job representing Westfall today at Circleville Noon Rotary!!



## STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THE ACT

We have a full house here today at the ACT Prep Workshop being held in our brand new, beautiful Community Room!! Thank you to Dr. Dailey from the ACT Review for preparing our Juniors for the ACT!



Senior Emily Cook is interested in pursuing a career in pharmacy after graduation and decided to job shadow at Schieber's Family Pharmacy in Circleville. Special thank you to pharmacist, Karlyn Neff for hosting Emily and helping her learn about possible career paths.



**FEBRUARY 10**

ASVAB PTI (Post Test Interpretation)

**FEBRUARY 11**

ACT National Test Day

**FEBRUARY 15**

Westfall Way Forward Career Day

**FEBRUARY 28**

Marshall University Representative Visit



Westfall College and Career



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