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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER #RISEABOVE

DECEMBER 2021

DISTRICT EVENTS

December 1

2nd Interims Grades Due
NHS Blood Drive 8:00AM-1:00PM @ WHS
13 Days of Christmas Begins @ WMS/WHS

December 2

12 Days of Christmas Begins @ WES

December 3

2nd Interim Reports Distributed
MCORE Cardiac Screenings @ WHS
Boys Varsity vs Alumni Basketball game
6:30 PM - FREE Admission

December 7

WMS Band & Choir Concert 7:00 PM @ WHS

December 8

WHS Choir Concert 6:30 PM
Virtual Family Tech Talk Event 8:00 PM

December 10

Staff COVID-19 Booster Clinic

December 13

Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM

December 15

WHS Band Concert 7:00 PM

December 16

WMS Pie Fundraiser Pickup

December 17

2nd Quarter Ends

2-hour Early Release for Students & Staff

December 20 - January 3

Holiday Break Begins - No School

December 24

Christmas Eve

December 25

Christmas

December 31

New Years Eve

Message from the SUPERINTENDENT



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



It's the first of December
The last month of the year
Soon we will enjoy
Special holiday cheer

Good times with families
And plenty to eat
Time away from work
Now that can't be beat

Your two weeks off
Will give you some rest
So during the 2nd semester
You can again be your best

I'm not much of a poet.
I'm a math guy, you know.
With numbers I'm fast.
With rhyming I'm slow.

I am lucky to work with
Special people like you
You deserve a great Christmas
And New Year's too!

Jeff Sheets

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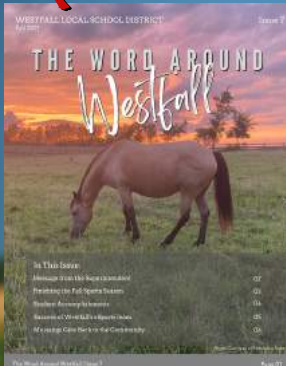
HAPPY BIRTHDAY To our staff

DECEMBER

- 2 Ashley George, WES
- 4 Jeffrey Conley, WMS
- 7 Nichole Younkin, WMS
- 10 Derek Lambert, WES
- 12 Lisa Lightle, WES
- 16 Trevor Thomas, DISTRICT
- 16 Jessica Sullivan, WHS
- 17 Shelly Wyman, WHS
- 20 Christine Demas, WES
- 20 Heather Short, WES
- 22 Lindsay Wolfe, WES
- 29 Amanda Patterson, WES
- 29 Angela Ware, WES

Arriving Soon!

ISSUE 7



HONORING OUR VETERANS



Thank you to our Veterans and military families for your service to our nation and our community! As a Purple Star designated school, Westfall always welcomes the opportunity to acknowledge and pay our respects to those who have served our nation through military service. During our annual Veterans' Day program, the middle and high schools came together to recognize visiting veterans and service members from all military branches.

Sophomore Allie Copeland beautifully sang the National Anthem; Taps was played on the trumpet by sophomore Jacob Yeager, while others recited many speeches, commemorating the service and sacrifice of those who chose to serve and those who continue to serve.

Westfall Elementary Student Council hosted a complimentary drive-thru Veterans Breakfast to honor those in the community who served our country. Veterans received donuts and coffee to go, goodie bags filled with special gifts, and notes of appreciation from the students along with a tribute video of military families.

The Purple Star Award for military-friendly schools recognizes schools that demonstrate a major commitment to serving students and families connected to our nation's military. Schools that earn the award will receive a special Purple Star recognition to display onsite and a link on Ohio's Department of Education's website. This designation indicates that a school is dedicated to helping military children gain the educational skills necessary to be empowered for college, career, and life success.

For a school to be honored with the Purple Star Award, designated staff members serve as liaisons between military-connected students, their families, and the school. They inform teachers of the military-connected students in their classrooms and the special considerations those students should receive. Westfall High School established a webpage, Support for Military-Connected Families, which can be found on the district website. It provides resources necessary for attending public school, which gives military families access to many tools and resources available to them, such as free 24-hour tutoring. It is beneficial to help new students become acclimated to their courses, which may be working at a different pace than the previous school they attended.

Thank you, Veterans! We honor you today, but we remember your bravery, courage, strength, and sacrifice every day!

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Staff Members of the Month!

- Katie Wynkoop, Music
- Amy Urban, RTI Supervisor
- Chris Shockley, Educational Aide
- Deputy Hamlin, School Resource Officer



FUTURE PHILANTHROPISTS



Mrs. Wolfe's Kindergarten class delivered hundreds of plastic bottle caps and lids, donating them toward the recycling project that transforms them into benches that will last a lifetime.

ACCEPTABLE CAPS

- medicine bottle caps/info packet removed
- milk jug, creamer caps
- detergent caps
- hair spray caps
- toothpaste caps
- deodorant caps
- apple sauce pouch caps
- Cottage cheese
- yogurt lids
- mayonnaise jar lids
- peanut butter lids
- Ice cream bucket lids "under 8" in diameter"

ACCEPTABLE LIDS

- drink bottle caps
- soda, water, juice caps, sports drink
- flip-top caps (ketchup)
- spout caps (mustard)
- spray paint caps
- ointment tube caps
- baby food caps
- shampoo/conditioner caps
- cool whip container lids
- Pringle can lids
- coffee can lids
- Butter lids
- cream cheese container lids
- Spice lids

If you'd like to help our efforts, please send in any items listed above. There are collection boxes in the Westfall Middle School gym where students can place their donations. WMS will be collecting donations indefinitely as it takes 600 pounds of recycled plastic to create one bench. We appreciate your help making our community better for our students and the environment!



Congratulations to first-grade teacher, Courtney Barnes! She and Josh Wiater married November 13



SOCK DRIVE SUCCESS!

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to our sock drive! Our goal was to collect 300 pairs of socks and we met that goal plus a whole lot more, collecting 1,880 pairs of socks!!! These socks will be split between Westfall CARES and a local homeless organization.



BRANCHES OF HOPE



On the week of September 11th, Mrs. Thompson's fourth-grade students read the book *Branches of Hope* by Ann Magee. The book shows the life cycle of a tree that survived underneath the hot ash and rubble of the Twin Tower attacks. Students also learned that the National September 11 Memorial and Museum has a Survivor Tree Seedling Program that sends out actual seedlings from the Survivor Tree each year to cities that have gone through natural and human disasters. Her students were fascinated by this and motivated to do something uplifting for their community too. So, each week since then, they have planned, written, designed, and addressed letters for heroes in our community. Students could choose to send their letters and seeds to local organizations like Nationwide Children's Hospital, Southwest Pickaway Fire District, or Circleville City Police Department.

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Staff Member of the Month!
Edward Brown, 7th-grade Teacher



The Westfall Middle School Climate Committee would like to thank all the families who participated in our Thanksgiving food drive for the Williamsport food pantry. We would also like to thank the Savings Bank of Williamsport who donated 25 cents to the pantry for each item we collected.

We are so grateful for your support!

CONGRATS

STEM Solar WORKSHOP



Westfall Middle School
SHOEBOX FOR CARING PROJECT

Westfall Middle School will begin a Shoebox for Caring Project for numerous organizations in Pickaway County. Students, or groups of students, are encouraged to fill a shoebox with any of the small items listed below. Please bring your items, unwrapped, to Ms. T or the middle school office by Monday, December 13. The Unified Arts team will wrap and deliver them to Pickaway County Children's Services, Chillicothe Veterans Services, and Westfall service members.

Children's Items:

- Small Toys
- Small Cars
- Coloring Books
- Crayons
- Girls Toys
- Boys Toys
- Gloves/Hats
- Small Books
- Hair Accessories

Service Box Items:

- Thank you cards
- Hand Sanitizer
- White Socks
- Lip Balm
- Jerky
- Playing Cards
- Magazines
- Snacks/Gum
- Sunscreen



At our STEM Solar Workshop, students had an opportunity to study solar energy as part of a larger overview of renewable energy sources. In the activity provided by the Center for Energy Education, students learned about the benefits of renewable energy sources. The event focused on how solar electricity can be generated, stored, and utilized in homes, buildings, and other structures. The energy generated from the solar panel is transmitted through a voltmeter, displaying a numerical value of the energy produced from the solar panels. The quantitative data enabled students to determine the optimal angle for maximum energy output.

Save the Date!

DECEMBER 8 @ 8PM

JOIN US FOR **FAMILY TECH TALK Virtual Edition**
Inspiring Digital Responsibility



Technology is changing fast, and many of us struggle to stay one step ahead of our kids.

Join us **December 8 at 8:00 PM** for an expert presentation and Q&A about how to teach them to be smart, safe, and respectful digital citizens. We'll also cover privacy and security issues, how to encourage responsible Internet use, and more.



STAFF RAFFLE WINNER!

Congratulations to Robbie Walisa! She is the staff raffle winner of the Christmas wreath and Christmas sign!!

The WMS Social Committee was able to raise \$69.00 to help fund future staff events.



WELCOME BABY!

Congratulations to Sherry and Jeff Wipfel! They are grandparents of a new baby boy, Luke Wolfe Davis, who was born November 13, 2021. Luke weighed 6 lbs 7oz. and was 20 inches long. Proud Parents: Neal and Markie Davis



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Kay Newman, Art Teacher
Jay Miller, Social Studies
Bethany Treece, English Teacher



C O N G R A T S



MCORE FOUNDATION CARDIAC SCREENING OPPORTUNITY

Pickaway County Community Foundation to fund preventative cardiac screenings and education to Westfall Middle and High School students ages 12-22 years.

WHEN: Friday, December 03, 2021
COST: \$10 (available to the first 30 registrants)
TIME: 8AM - 4PM

SCREENING LOCATION: Training Room



ALL MCORE FOUNDATION SCREENINGS INCLUDE:

- An ECG and limited Echo test performed by registered cardiac sonographers
- Results read by our team of pediatric and general cardiologists
- Images stored within your secured account for future access or to send to your medical provider

Each test is approximately 30-42 minutes and you may use your healthcare spending account or flex care spending account for payment.

If your teen didn't participate in previous cardiac screenings, please scan the QR code to schedule an appointment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the MCORE Foundation at info@mcorefoundation.org



PICKAWAY ROSS SOPHOMORE TOURS



Our sophomore class had the opportunity to visit Pickaway-Ross Career and Technology Center in November. They selected three possible career fields and toured the corresponding training labs to get a glimpse of the instruction in action, meet the teachers, and find the right fit for their future.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTIONS



Westfall High School hosted its 2021 National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony before Thanksgiving break, where twenty-one new members were inducted, including Ashli Allen, Silvia Beltran-Rosales, Nate Cline, Emily Cook, Madison Cook, Makayla Cook, Olivia Dumm, Danielle Elder, Kaitlyn Hammond, Summer Hanson, Sophia Henson, Natalie Holland, Wayne Kitchen, Steven Layton, Hunter Probasco, Morgan Reisinger, Avery Roese, Skyann Rogers, Emiley Roseberry, Bailee Thomas, and Keira Yarhouse.

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LADY MUSTANGS ALUMNI NIGHT
DECEMBER 27

WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES ALL FORMER LADY MUSTANG BASKETBALL PLAYERS & COACHES TO ALUMNI NIGHT

CLICK TO RSVP BEFORE DECEMBER 17

The Lady Mustangs Basketball team would like to salute the athletes who made today's program possible. The team will recognize alumni players and coaches at halftime of the Westfall vs. Central Crossing Varsity game on Monday, December 27. There will also be a reception during halftime of the JV game. If you would like to attend, [RSVP HERE](#) by Friday, December 17.

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Westfall CARES SPIKE OUT HUNGER ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



Westfall CARES would like to thank the community for a successful Spike Out Hunger Volleyball Tournament held on the first Saturday of November. Ten co-ed teams participated in two guaranteed matches, made up of Westfall graduates, friends, and family. The winning team was the Teal Blue team which consisted of players from the classes of 2011, 2012, and 2013. We would like to thank Bobby Staten for donating his 50/50 raffle winnings back to Westfall CARES! We would also like to thank our sponsors, Westfall Board of Education, Dry Run Farms, Jeffrey Tadlock Photography, kwConsultants (Keller/Williams Realty), and Dawn Finch-The Finch Connection. A special thanks to Justin and Adrienne Barnes, TJ Ruth, and her family for organizing the brackets. We had so many wonderful volunteers who worked in concession and line-judged for the games. Candy Webb, T.J. Ruth, and Shelley Thomas organized the event, helped find sponsors, and plan for food for the tournament. We plan to hold the event again next year and look forward to another wonderful experience!

FREE ADMISSION
DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 3
6:30 PM

WHO'S
WINNING
IT?

VARSITY
vs
ALUMNI

BIDDY BOYS
BASKETBALL
TEAMS PLAY
AT HALFTIME

VINTAGE
JERSEYS
FOR SALE

CONCESSIONS

50/50 RAFFLE
PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
THE ROESE FAMILY



WESTFALL STAFF COVID-19 BOOSTER CLINIC

December 10
2:00 PM-4:15 PM
High School Auditorium



Please scan the QR code to complete the intake form and bring it with you along with your COVID-19 vaccination card and insurance card. If you are feeling ill that day, please do not get the vaccine -Studies show that when receiving vaccines you should feel your best!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- How long should I wait after my 2nd dose?*
The booster dose should be given 6 months after the 2nd dose
- Can I come if I am ill or am in quarantine?*
You need to be out of isolation/quarantine and fever-free without medication for 24 hours.
- Are there side effects of #3, similar to #2?*
It is possible that the booster dose could cause similar side effects as the previous doses. It seems kind of hit or miss.
- Are we still worried about any other injections 2 weeks before or after (like the flu shot, pneumonia, or Botox)?*
No. The vaccine can be co-administered with other vaccines.

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COLLEGE & CAREER NEWS

Emily Smith PICKAWAY WORKS
COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELOR



GETTING READY TO TAKE ON *the Real World!*



COLLEGE VISITS



We took 8 Mustang students to Shawnee State University in Portsmouth and had a GREAT day! We were welcomed with an opening information session about the college, took a tour of the academic buildings on campus, visited their apartment-style student housing, and finished with lunch in the college's dining hall and a visit to the college book store

JOB SHADOWING

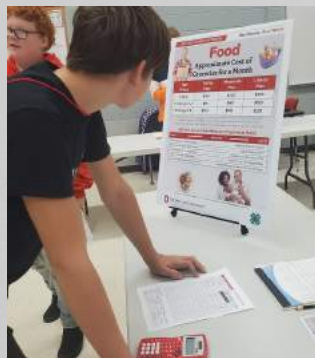


Junior Steven Layton is interested in Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences and met with 3 team members from the National Weather Service and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) to talk about colleges, majors, equipment, and a career in meteorology

Senior Maria Flowers job shadowed at PPG as a future STEM career, stating that the experience confirmed her desire for a career in Engineering



BUDGETING & FINANCE



REAL MONEY, REAL WORLD

Westfall 8th graders were recently given a job, a paycheck, and a family to support and had to make choices about their monthly spending! Real Money. Real World. (RMRW) is a youth-focused financial literacy program from Ohio State University Extension and Pickaway WORKS that includes an interactive spending simulation providing students the opportunity to make lifestyle and budget choices similar to those made by 27-year-old adults.



Westfall College and Career



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