



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER #RISEABOVE

Happy New Year!

JANUARY 2022

DISTRICT EVENTS

January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 3

Staff Professional Development

January 4

Classes Resume for Students

Board of Education Special Work Session
5:00 PM

January 5

Grades Due

January 7

Report Cards Distributed

Deadline to register for February ACT
Ohio State Highway Patrol to host
Q&A event for Juniors/Seniors at WHS

January 10

Board of Education Regular Meeting
6:00 PM

January 17

Martin Luther King Jr Day
No School

January 20

ASVAB offered to Juniors

January 24

ACT Review Session
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

January 25

CCP Meeting 6:00 PM
WHS Auditorium

Message from the SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Mustang Staff,

As I reflect this morning, I keep thinking about the fragility of life and that several of our staff members have lost loved ones in 2021, some even recently. There have been other losses in our community family, some greatly affecting our students.

To share our love with those around us is so important. It's a must! Every life is a gift, but each of those gifts is fragile. Love those around you today and during each of the "todays" yet to come. To share our "best" with those around us as educators is a huge responsibility, but very rewarding.

While the beginning of 2022 can be the beginning of a healing process for some, the year marks the beginning, the birth, of so many areas of our lives. I challenge each of you to reflect on those around you. How can you make the lives of co-workers, students, community members, and your family members better today?

Working in education is a very important business. We are in the "people business" and that business carries with it so many responsibilities for others. What a challenge and responsibility!

In each of my years as an educator, there have been many challenges. The challenges will always be there but the rewards accompanied with facing them have been great. Your efforts with others pay off in endless ways that may not be so visible each day.

I wish each of you a great 2022! Let's all be the best versions of ourselves together!

Jeff Sheets





HAPPY BIRTHDAY To our staff

JANUARY

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



EVELIN MABE

The staff and students are very welcoming and have made me feel at home. Everybody knows each other and are always happy to help!

Welcome to Westfall!

DISTRICT LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

"The future depends on what you do today"

About Me

Before relocating to the United States, I obtained a BBA from the Technological University of Mexico in Tourism and Hospitality Management. In 2013 I moved to Circleville and help manage the family business, the Ashville & Circleville Apothecary pharmacies.

Fun Fact

I love eating all kinds of foods, so my favorite thing to do is cook! I love experimenting in the kitchen; I usually do not follow recipes; I come up with my own. However, I am not good at baking, but practice makes perfect, so I will keep trying!

Holiday Giving



Before Christmas break, Westfall staff was gifted a holiday Honeybaked Ham at each of our district buildings! Thank you to our board members and administration for this incredibly generous gift!

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Staff Members of the Month!

Kala Cantor, Guidance Counselor
Gayle Stadt, 4th-Grade Teacher
Olivia Thompson, 4th-Grade Teacher
Julie Wolfe, Speech Pathologist



Taking on the Real World at Biztown!



Our 5th-grade classes recently attended JA Biztown of Columbus where they got to experience what it is like to earn a paycheck working at a business such as Huntington Bank, Donatos, and The Columbus Blue Jackets. 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 trying to make a profit while avoiding a loss for their specific company.

Since September 2021, 5th-grade teachers, Mrs. Dianna Swain and Mr. Andrew Waters have been teaching multiple lessons over Savings Accounts, Checking Accounts, Credit Cards, Debit Cards, Interview Skills, Gross Pay, Net Pay, Advertising Financial Institutions, etc. in order to make preparations to attend JA Biztown. The students loved learning the material but were overjoyed working at Biztown. The students kept talking about how wonderful the experience was and how working is exhausting. We are extremely proud of our 5th-grade students for working so hard and can't wait to go again next year!

Snowman Sticks



Westfall FFA and our 2nd-grade classes have worked hard on a very special, top-secret gift for their loved ones. Working together, they created SNOWMAN STICKS! These sticks were measured to height, cut, sanded, and painted to resemble little snowmen for the 2nd graders and parents to keep as a Christmas gift!



It was such a great idea, Miss Lightle's kindergarten class made them too!



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Stephanie Davey, 8th-grade
Language Arts



CONGRATS

Distinguished Educator Award

Congratulations to Westfall Middle School's 7th-grade Social Studies Teacher, Edward Brown, for being recognized by the Ohio Art Education Association with the Distinguished Educator for Art Education Award! Mr. Brown uses the arts in his classroom to connect with his 7th-grade students and encourage them in all aspects of their education. At the December Board Meeting, WMS Art Teacher Kathy Fuller presented the award, who nominated Brown for the honor.



Keeping our campus drug-free



Before winter break, Sergeant Harger and K9 Joris with the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office stopped by our middle school and high school buildings to perform a routine locker sniff, checking for illegal substances. We're proud to report that we passed Joris's sniff test! Thank you, Sergeant Harger and K9 Joris for keeping our schools and community safe!

Congratulations Mr. Penturk!

Matt and his wife won the final staff raffle basket of 2021! This beautiful basket included hot chocolate bombs, a Christmas t-shirt, a Santa mug filled with goodies, Mary Kay products, Arbonne products, 3 color street nails, a mask, and a cosmetic bag. This amazing basket was donated by our Intervention Specialist team and Tracey Williams, Brock William's mother.





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Marlene Haddox, Angel Howell, Patsy Riffle, Sharon Van Camp - Kitchen Staff
Jeremy Null - Social Studies Teacher
Harry Miller - Educational Aide/ISR



Red Ribbon Essay Winner



We are pleased to announce that Reighlyn Byerly, WHS Senior was awarded a \$100 prize for winning Westfall High School's Write In Red - Red Ribbon Week Essay Contest and she is also the Pickaway County winner of the \$500 scholarship as well. The contest is held during Red Ribbon Week, in October, for all middle and high school students. Students were given a red pen to write an essay for the contest about how to prevent drug, alcohol, and tobacco, abuse.

Each participating middle and high school submitted their school's winning essay to the Paint Valley ADAMH Board. One student from each county was selected to receive a \$500 scholarship to any accredited college or university. Congratulations Reighlyn!



Circleville Noon Rotary

WHS Seniors Peyton Weiss and Olivia Barnes spoke at Circleville Noon Rotary earlier this month. Both are outstanding students and did an excellent job representing our district!

FFA members collected and packed toys and essentials, filling 41 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Thank you to all who donated!

Westfall FFA

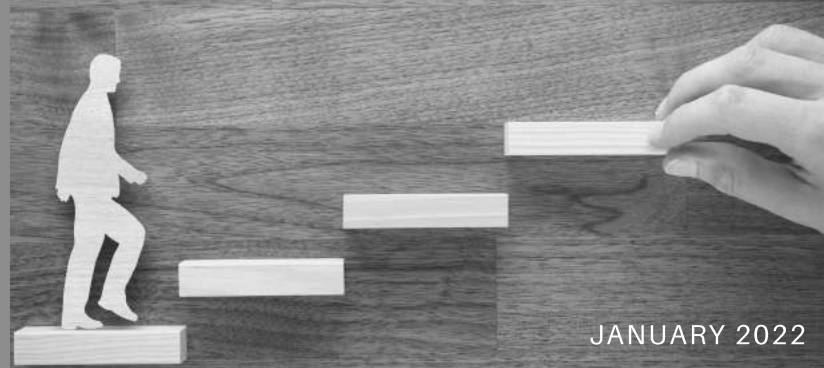
We are excited to announce that FIVE of our greenhand members recently received new FFA jackets through the Ohio FFA Foundation Blue Jackets by Beck's program! We are thankful for the support of the local Ag industry and want to thank Clifton Seeds and Radcliff Seed Solutions for being sponsors in this program!



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COLLEGE & CAREER NEWS

Emily Smith PICKAWAY WORKS
COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELOR



GETTING READY TO TAKE ON *the Real World!*

Job Shadowing



Senior Ashli Allen virtually met with multiple professionals working in Diagnostic Medical Sonography; a career she hopes to pursue after high school. Although these job shadows/meetings have been virtual, Ashli stated they were so educational. "Getting their opinions and expert advice about DMS has been so helpful in making decisions about my career!"

Junior Bailee Thomas is exploring careers in education and did a job shadow in a 2nd-grade classroom at Circleville Elementary with Ms. Barb Greenlee!



Senior Jadalynn Danberry is interested in pursuing an elementary education license after high school and recently spent the day at Washington Elementary job shadowing 2nd-grade teacher, Ms. Jennifer Young.

Save the Date!

JANUARY 7

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE FEBRUARY ACT

JANUARY 20

ASVAB OFFERED TO JUNIORS

JANUARY 24

ACT PREP CLASS
8:00AM-2:00PM
WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL

JANUARY 25

CCP MEETING
6:00PM
WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL



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