



SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope that this letter finds you all doing well after the holiday festivities. I can hardly believe we are already kicking off 2022. The last two years have been challenging, rewarding, and full of new learning opportunities. I hope that you were able to reflect on the past year and remember all of the things we have to be thankful for. I am looking forward to what 2022 has in store for us at Winterset CSD.

I wanted to share a challenge with you all. I am a huge fan of Jon Gordon, an author who has written numerous books dealing with positive leadership and other topics that I have found useful. I subscribe to his weekly email and every year about this time he sends out a challenge for the upcoming year. The challenge is to select one

word, that's it, one word, to use as your driving force for the upcoming year. I have found this strategy to be impactful and useful in keeping me centered throughout the year. As I have reflected on what my word will be for this year I have decided on hope. With all of the negativity that seems to be surrounding us all I have decided that if I continue to keep hope alive in my heart that we will learn to forgive one another, respect one another, and care about one another then I will remind myself to do my part to ensure to make this happen. I challenge you to give the one-word challenge a try. If you would like to learn more about Jon Gordon and the One Word challenge you can do so at the following link: <https://jongordon.com/books/one-word/>

I want to close by reminding

you of the opportunities that exist to come out and support our students. You are welcome to attend our events this year with several opportunities to see our students in action the remainder of the school year. I have heard several community members comment on how nice it is to watch our students perform in the new competition gym, since they weren't able to attend in-person last year. You can also keep up to date with everything happening in Husky Nation by following the various social media sites within the district. If you haven't done so already I would encourage you to download the new Winterset CSD app from the Google Play or Apple App stores. When doing so, ensure that you allow push notifications and you will be alerted anytime we post something new to the live stream.



WintersetSchools Athletics: @WintersetHuskyElementary: @WintersetElem Junior High: @WintersetJH

Hashtag: #WintersetHuskyPride

I also want to remind you of the upcoming positive parenting night on Wednesday, January 19th from 6-8:00 PM at the high school. We are going to be offering several sessions on various topics related to dealing with difficult behavior and mental health issues. The Optimist Club will be sponsoring a chili supper, and child care will be provided if needed. We look forward to engaging in this opportunity to work with you around these important issues.

Yours in Service,

Justin M. Gross

January Monthly Highlights

Jan 4th Classes Resume

Jan 12 MS Conferences 3:30-7:30

Jan 14 End of 1st Semester-
2 Hour Early Out
No Preschool

Facebook Pages:
District Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/wintersetschools>
Elementary Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/WintersetElem>
Junior High Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Winterset-Junior-High-112783097191342>

Twitter:
District: @

When Is It Too Cold For School?

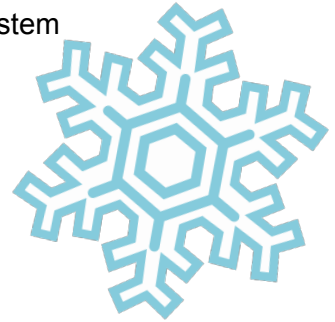
In Winterset we try to quantify just how cold is too cold for school. Generally, if the National Weather Service Forecast for the morning is for a windchill warning, classes will be canceled. In most cases, the decision will be made the night before. However, we can't always predict what will happen in the morning with our buses. Sometimes in temperatures warmer than a windchill warning, our buses struggle to start and stay running. In those cases, a decision to cancel or start late is made as soon as possible in the morning.

When Is It Too Snowy For School?

Families should expect less notice when school is canceled for heavy snow. Road conditions are tested and several websites are viewed for information on weather and road conditions. Mr. Gross also consults with other Madison County and neighboring school districts.

Making the decision to start late, cancel or continue school as planned is a difficult decision that takes into account many factors. Most importantly, we consider our students' safety first.

When WCSD makes a decision to change plans, we utilize our Infinite Campus Messenger System that calls, texts and e-mails parents and staff. We also post the change of plans on our district website and notify local media.



NEW INDUCTEES TO NHS FOR 2021-2022:

Bailey Acton
Kael Blanchard
Avary Darling
Luke Heithoff
Paige Wickman
Alexis Davis

Halle Hoefing
Connor Pashek
Patrick Schultz
McCartney Shilhanek
Anna Blader

Alexandra Hoenig
Serena Phillips
Molly Shahan
Emma Henry
Addie Burkett

All Kindergarten students must be up to date on their preschool shots and have received their 4 year old boosters of Dtap, Polio, MMR and Varicella.

All 7th grade (and above) students must show proof of having received a Tdap (Tetanus/Acellular Pertusis) vaccination booster AND a Meningococcal vaccination on or after 10 years of age, before the first day of school.

All 12th grade students must show proof of receiving 2 DOSES of Meningococcal vaccine; or 1 dose if first dose was received at 16 years of age or older before the first day of school.

All Kindergarten students must have a dental screen performed between the ages of 3 and 6 years old with a dental certificate on file. All 9th grade students must have a current, within the past 12 months, dental certificate on file.

All Kindergarten and 3rd grade students must have a current, within the past 12 months, vision certificate on file.

Lunch Menus

Use the new school app for the most up to date menus each day.

Elementary Lunch Menu
Middle School Lunch Menu
JH/HS Lunch Menu

Free & Reduced-Price Meals Applications

- Log into your Parent Portal
- Click on More, then click on Meals Benefits
- Complete Free & Reduced Form, click Submit

You will receive confirmation in your Parent Portal inbox once the application is processed. Questions: Call the administration office at (515) 462-2718.

SCHOOL FEES

Attention parents: This year's school fees were due October 15th. You may pay them through your **Parent Portal**, at any of the school offices or at the administration office.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE

When you have a change of address or phone number, please contact the school or the administration office. It is important for the school to have updated information on our students for messages and emergency situations.

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOKS

The Winterset Student/Parent Handbooks are posted **on the district website under the Parent tab**. We have produced a district-wide handbook that aligns to board policies and current state law. The handbook includes addendums for each school, covering building specific expectations. Paper copies are available in each school's office. All students are expected to follow the policies, procedures and expectations. Please take the time to review the handbooks with your child.

CRISP Winter Wear Program



Is your child in need of a winter coat, boots, snow pants, hat or gloves for the upcoming season? If this will be a hardship for you or your family to provide, please call Community Resources in Service to People (CRISP) at 515-462-9400. CRISP has a good selection of new and gently worn winter wear items. **PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT BEFORE STOPPING IN** so that we may limit the number of people in the

office at one time and better meet your needs. If you are in need of assistance, but are not a current CRISP client, please contact us for information on how to access CRISP services.

IF YOU HAVE COATS, BOOTS OR INSULATED GLOVES TO DONATE, please contact the CRISP office. We take winter wear items year round to replenish our supplies. Both new and gently worn items are accepted.

Readers' Theater

Over the last few weeks in library time, middle school students worked in groups to prepare and present readers' theater scripts. Students assigned roles and practiced with their groups, then each group presented their play to the rest of the class. The actors had a great time bringing their characters to life, and the audience enjoyed watching their classmates perform.



FFA: Celebrating Competitively

While celebrating the holidays the Winterset FFA Chapter likes to get competitive. Over the span of 2 weeks FFA members joined in a supporters garage to build their float for the lighted parade. They decided the theme of the float would be polar express. They started off with a blank car trailer then built the frame for the train with recycled wood and plywood. As they finished painting they added some finishing touches of Christmas lights and fake snow. On parade day, November 26th students sang and clapped along to the polar express song Hot Chocolate while inside the train. Along with other students passing out candy walking along with the float. The Winterset FFA Chapter ended up winning most creative! Thank you to everyone who donated supplies, their time and help, and most of all the garage to work in during the cold! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Winterset FFA Chapter!

Respectfully Submitted,

Gracelynn Brown





WHS Guidance Department

Visit the Guidance Webpage at www.winterset.k12.ia.us/Page/1552.

HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE

3rd TERM

CONFERENCES: Third term conferences will be Wednesday, February 23rd from 3:30-7:30PM.

With January upon us, it is time for Senior parents to get serious about filing the necessary forms for financial aids. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opened in October. It is free and is necessary even if you don't think you will qualify for a Pell Grant. You must file the FAFSA on the website: www.fafsa.ed.gov

College Costs - How to hold them down!
The U.S. Department of Education has a Website to give students and families the facts they need to plan and prepare for college. The Student Aid on the Web—a powerful Web tool that encompasses the entire federal student aid process, does everything from assess a student's career interests to help a student apply for financial aid. The web site www.studentaid.ed.gov/ provides students and parents with free, online tools to help them access information about higher

education and learn the facts about its affordability.

With college costs rising every year, it is well to remember the area community colleges. They provide the first two years of college or vo-tech training at bargain basement prices. Remember! Borrowed money still has to be paid back sometime.

Get connected to the most comprehensive online resource on planning and paying for college. Visit the free Sallie Mae Scholarship Service and register to win a Scholarship to help offset your college expenses and take advantage of their low interest loan rates. www.salliemae.com

Testing & Test Scores
Free college admission Test Prep through I Have A Plan Iowa. Iowa College Aid provides free ACT, SAT and GRE test prep to help students strengthen relevant skills, learn test-taking strategies and gain more confidence in their abilities. Visit www.ihaveaplaniowa.org for more information.

ACT's will be offered at WHS on February 12,

2022. The deadline to register without late fee is January 7th (January 21 with late fee). Please register online at www.actstudent.org

Some juniors took the ASVAB's in December. This is a very good aptitude test. Our students generally score well and the results will help many to think about some career directions. Our new state Assessments will be given in the spring.

The Des Moines Electrical JATC Program is open to high school graduates or veterans with a GED or have a two-year Associate Degree or higher and be at least 18 years of age. You must have successfully completed not less than one year of high school algebra or one post high school algebra course with a passing grade. This is an excellent opportunity if you are interested in pursuing an exciting, lucrative and rewarding career within the electrical, (commercial), residential and telecommunications industry. For more information, you can contact the National Electrical Apprenticeship Administrative Office at 1-800-572-6191 or you may visit their website at

<http://www.dmelejatc.org/>
SCHOLARSHIPS

The LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP FORM WAS E-MAILED TO ALL GRADUATING SENIORS. If you missed getting it or need another copy please see Mrs. Wetzel in the guidance office or visit the guidance page of the high school's website. Deadline is March 1. No late entries will be accepted.

Grand Lodge of Iowa Masonic Scholarships will be awarding scholarships to a number of high school seniors who will graduate this academic year from a public high school within the state of Iowa. The exact dollar amount of each scholarship will depend upon the size of investment income from the Scholarship Endowment Fund. In 2016, sixty scholarships of \$2,000 each were awarded. Applications are available at <https://grandlodgeofiowa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/>

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships were designed to encourage Iowa 4-H members to continue their

WHS Guidance Department, Continued / *Guidance Webpage*

Use the QR Codes & Links to book an appointment with Mr. Seufert or Mrs. Olson!



Mrs. Olson

<https://mrshayleyolson.youcanbook.me>



Mr. Seufert

<https://mseufert.youcanbook.me>

Google Classroom:

9th Grade Students and Parents:

Join this Google Classroom for grade specific information from the Guidance Department! Here you can find information regarding Course Registration, College and Career Planning, and much more!

Class of 2025 Code: 5j3bscm

10th Grade Student and Parents:

Join this Google Classroom for grade specific information from the Guidance Department! Here you can find information regarding Course Registration, College and Career Planning, and much more!

Class of 2024 Code: tcifbe5

11th Grade Students and Parents:

Join this Google Classroom for grade specific information from the Guidance Department! Here you can find information regarding Course Registration, College and Career Planning, FAFSA, Scholarships, and much more!

Class of 2023 Code: omgo7jk

12th Grade Students and Parents:

Join this Google Classroom for grade specific information from the Guidance Department! Here you can find information regarding Course Registration, College and Career Planning, FAFSA, Scholarships, Graduation, and much more!

Class of 2022 Code: aly6cjw



JANUARY ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Check for updates at raccoonriverconference.org
or call the high school at 462-3320.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Jan 7	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	ADM	ADM
Jan 11	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	Ballard	Winterset
Jan 14	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	B-F	B-F
Jan 17	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	Van Meter	Winterset
Jan 18	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	Boone	Winterset
Jan 21	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	Carlisle	Carlisle
Jan 25	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	Carroll	Carroll
Jan 28	4:30 PM	9/JV/V-G/B	Gilbert	Winterset

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Jan 18	4:15 PM	7 A/B	Perry	Perry MS
		8 A/B	Perry	Winterset MS
Jan 20	4:15 PM	7 A/B	North Polk	Winterset JH
		8 A/B	North Polk	North Polk MS
Jan 24	4:15 PM	7 A/B	ADM	Winterset JH
		8 A/B	ADM	ADM HS-South Gym
Jan 27	4:15 PM	7 A/B	Bond-F	Bondurant-Farrar MS
		8 A/B	Bond-F	Winterset JH
Jan 31	4:15 PM	7 A/B	Gilbert	Winterset JH
		8 A/B	Gilbert	Gilbert MS

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SITE
Jan 4	5:30 PM	SE Polk	Ind. YMCA
Jan 8	11:00 AM	DM E-Invitational	DM East HS
Jan 11	5:30 PM	Ankeny Cen	Ind. YMCA
Jan 18	5:30 PM	Ames	Ames HS
Jan 20	5:15 PM	Indianola-Invitational	Ind. YMCA
Jan 25	5:30 PM	Marshalltown-Meet	Marshalltown

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Jan 6	5:30 pm	JV/V	Gilbert	Winterset
Jan 8	9:30 am	V	Winterset Tournament	Winterset
Jan 13	5:30 pm	JV/V	Ballard-BF	Winterset
Jan 15	9:00 am	V	Osage Tourney	Osage
Jan 20	5:30 pm	JV/V	Carlisle	Carlisle
Jan 21-22	4, 10	V	Corning Tournament	Corning
Jan 27	5:30 pm	JV/V	North Polk	North Polk
Jan 29	10 am	V	RRC Conference	Carroll
Feb 5	12 pm	V	Sectionals	Winterset
Feb 12	11 pm	V	Districts	Ballard

2021 Football
ACADEMIC ALL-STATE
#WINTERSETHUSKYPRIDE

JOEL AKERS
DAWSON FORGY
CADEN KLEEMEIER
REILLY HOVEN

ADMISSION PRICES
BUY TICKETS ONLINE ON TICKET SPICKET
IN ADVANCE OF THE GAME

Admission prices to all Varsity events will be \$6 for everyone. Tournaments will be \$6 for everyone. Junior high events will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for students

ACTIVITIES TICKETS

The passes that are available are:

1. Student Pass (\$55)
2. Adult Pass (\$100)
3. Family Pass (\$250)

These passes are good for all Junior High and High School regular season events.

To purchase your tickets & passes for the 21-22 school year go to Ticket Spicket.com or download the app.

Activity Passes for the 2021-2022 school year will need to be purchased through Ticket Spicket.

2021-2022 Winterset Community School Calendar

Board Approved (1/11/2021)

Calendar Legend

- Start
- No School
- End of Quarter
- 1hr Late Start

Teacher Contract Days

- 178 Student Contact Days
- 2 Conference Comp Days (11/24 & 4/18)
- 5 Pre-Service Days (8/13-8/19)
- 1 Work Flex Day** (8/20 or 6/1)
- 2 PD Days (11/23 & 2/14)
- 1 Innovation Day*** (10/25)
- 1 TQ Day*** (11/22) 190 Days

***TQ=contract day as long as funded by state

New Teacher Days

- August 2nd (1/2 day, 8am-Noon)
- August 11-12 New Teachers Days
- August 13-19 Teacher Pre-Service

Late Start Wednesdays

School begins 1 hour late every Wednesday for professional development.

*Cancelled school days may be made up, at end of school year (June).

**Teacher Work Day is flexed for returning teachers. Work 1 day either August or June. Notification to principal at check out in the spring.

***Innovation and TQ Days are professional development for certified staff.

****Adjustments may be made to end of 2nd, 3rd or 4th quarter/term if more than two days are cancelled.

August						
M	T	W	Th	F	Hours	Days
2	3	4	5	6		
09	10	11	12	13		
16	17	18	19	20		
23	24	25	26	27	31.5	5
30	31				44.5	7
September						
		1	2	3	63	10
6	7	8	9	10	88	14
13	14	15	16	17	119.5	19
20	21	22	23	24	151	24
27	28	29	30		176	28
October						
				1	182.5	29
4	5	6	7	8	214	34
11	12	13	14	15	245.5	39
18	19	20	21	22	275	44
25	26	27	28	29	300	48
November						
1	2	3	4	5	331.5	53
8	9	10	11	12	363	58
15	16	17	18	19	394.5	63
22	23	24	25	26		
29	30				407.5	65
December						
		1	2	3	426	68
6	7	8	9	10	457.5	73
13	14	15	16	17	489	78
20	21	22	23	24	507.5	81
27	28	29	30	31		
January						
3	4	5	6	7	532.5	85
10	11	12	13	14	562	90
17	18	19	20	21	593.5	95
24	25	26	27	28	625	100
31					631.5	101
February						
	1	2	3	4	656.5	105
7	8	9	10	11	688	110
14	15	16	17	18	713	114
21	22	23	24	25	744.5	119
28					751	120
March						
	1	2	3	4	776	124
7	8	9	10	11	807.5	129
14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25	837	134
28	29	30	31		862	138
April						
				1	868.5	139
4	5	6	7	8	900	144
11	12	13	14	15	931.5	149
18	19	20	21	22	956.5	153
25	26	27	28	29	988	158
May						
2	3	4	5	6	1019.5	163
9	10	11	12	13	1051	168
16	17	18	19	20	1082.5	173
23	24	25	26	27	1112	178
30	31					
*+2 PT Conf days = 16					1128	
June						
		1	2	3		

Days

Event

- Aug 2 New Teacher Day (8:00am-noon)
- Aug 11-12 New Teacher Work Days
- Aug 13-19 Teacher Pre-Service
- Aug 19 Elem Family Engagement (4:00-8:00)
- Aug 19 MS Family Engagement (4:00-8:00)
- Aug 19 JH Family Engagement (4:00-8:00)
- Aug 19 HS Family Engagement (4:00-8:00)
- Aug 20 Teacher Work Day – Flex**
- Aug 23 First Day of School
- Sept 6 Labor Day (No School)
- Sept 18 Homecoming
- Sept 20 HS Conferences (3:30-7:30)
- Oct 6 & 13 MS Conferences (3:30-7:30)
- Oct 12 & 14 Elementary Conferences (3:30-7:30)
- Oct 22 End of 1st Quarter (44 days)
- Oct 25 Innovation Day (No School)
2-hour Early Dismissal
- Nov 2 & 4 JH Conferences (3:30-7:30)
- Nov 22 TQ Day (No School)
- Nov 23 PD Day (No School)
- Nov 24 Teacher Comp Day (No School)
- Nov 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
- Dec 8 HS Conferences (3:30-7:30)
- Dec 23-Jan 3 Winter Break (No School)
- Jan 4 Classes Resume
- Jan 12 MS Conferences (3:30-7:30)
- Jan 14 End 1st Semester (89 days)
2-hour Early Dismissal
- Feb 14 PD Day (No School)
- Feb 23 HS Conferences (3:30-7:30)
- March 1 & 3 JH Conferences (3:30-7:30)
- March 9 MS Conferences (3:30-7:30)
- March 8 & 10 Elementary Conferences (3:30-7:30)
- March 14-18 Spring Break
- March 25 End of 3rd Quarter (44 days)
2-hour Early Dismissal
- April 18 Teacher Comp Day (No School)
- April 27 HS Conferences (3:30-7:30)
- May 20 Seniors Last Day
- May 22 Graduation
- May 27 Last Day for Students* (45 days)
2-hour Early Dismissal
- May 30 Memorial Day (No School)
- May 31 Teacher Work Day – Flex**

2021-2022 Winterset Community School – Preschool Calendar Board Approved

CALENDAR LEGEND

- Start/End
- No School
- Wednesdays
- No School

Date						Events
M	T	W	Th	F	Days	
September						
		01	02	03		
06	07	08	09	10		Sept 2 First Day of Preschool
13	14	15	16	17		Sept 6 Labor Day (No School)
20	21	22	23	24		Sept TBD Homecoming
27	28	29	30			
October						
				01		
04	05	06	07	08		
11	12	13	14	15		
18	19	20	21	22		Oct 22 Preschool PD (No Preschool)
25	26	27	28	29		Oct 25 Innovation Day (No Preschool)
November						
1	2	3	4	5		Nov 4 & 9 No Preschool - Conferences
8	9	10	11	12		Nov 22 PK-12 TQ Day (No Preschool)
15	16	17	18	19		Nov 23 PK-12 PD (No Preschool)
22	23	24	25	26		Nov 24 Teacher Comp Day (No Preschool)
29	30					Nov 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday (No Preschool)
December						
		01	02	03		
06	07	08	09	10		
13	14	15	16	17		
20	21	22	23	24		Dec 23-Jan 3 Winter Break (No School)
27	28	29	30	31		
January						
03	04	05	06	07		Jan 4 Classes Resume
10	11	12	13	14		Jan 14 Preschool PD (No Preschool)
17	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28		
31						
February						
	01	02	03	04		Feb 3 & 8 No Preschool - Conferences
07	08	09	10	11		Feb 14 PK-12 PD Day (No Preschool)
14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25		
28						
March						
	01	02	03	04		
07	08	09	10	11		
14	15	16	17	18		March 14-18 Spring Break (No Preschool)
21	22	23	24	25		March 25 PK-12 PD Day (No Preschool)
28	29	30	31			
April						
				01		
04	05	06	07	08		
11	12	13	14	15		
18	19	20	21	22		April 18 Teacher Comp Day (No Preschool)
25	26	27	28	29		
May						
02	03	04	05	06		
09	10	11	12	13		
16	17	18	19	20		May 20 Last Day for Preschool

ATTENTION MOMS AND DADS

UNDERSTANDING MOMS & 24/7 DADS

Free community support groups for
any mom, dad, step parent, foster
parent exc.

Different topics every week.

It's free.

Can start anytime!

Need help with back child Support?

We can also help with that!

For more information call **Bradley
Pothoven 6414554359** or find us on FB
@twentyfoursevendads or search
Wapello County Fatherhood Initiative

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2022

22 WAYS CELEBRATE NEW YEARS EVE ALCOHOL-FREE

1. Host Movie Night: Watch positive and uplifting movies to set the tone for the new year!
2. Or Try a Virtual Movie Night: Maybe a Hulu or Netflix watch party.
3. Host a Game Night: Dust off those board games or puzzles and celebrate together.
4. Or Try a Virtual Game Night: Options like Among Us or set up virtual trivia on Kahoot.
5. Watch the Ball Drop: Many channels host various celebrations around the world.
6. Host a Themed Party: A silent disco or a pajama party, the options are limitless!
7. Make a Mocktail: If they don't trigger cravings for an alcoholic cocktail; they are great to serve.
8. Bust out the Finger Foods: Set up a charcuterie board, lil smokies, meatballs, and/or others.
9. Cookie Decorating Contest: Dress up a sugar cookie with frosting, sprinkles, and/or other treats.
10. Have a Karaoke Night: Sing the night away!
11. Create Dance Videos: You could be the next YouTube or TikTok star!
12. Take a Virtual Class: Learn something new like cooking, exercise, arts and crafts!
13. Dress Up: Even if the celebration is virtual, have fun getting ready and take that selfie!
14. Decorate a New Year's Tree: Give that Christmas decoration a makeover.
15. Make a 2021 Scrapbook: Expressing gratitude and being thankful for all the happy moments.
16. Make it Meaningful: Write letters to friends and family letting them know how this year has been.
17. Chronical the Year: Highlight the important moments in your year with a bullet journal.
18. Make New Year's Resolutions: Pick both goals and the steps to reach it to make it more attainable.
19. Let It Go: Write down those not-so-fun 2021 memories and tear them up!
20. Go Star Gazing: Grab some blankets, hot chocolate, and look up outside at the starry sky.
21. Take a family walk and Check out Holiday Lights: Many displays are not removed until January.
22. Plan a Neighborhood Parade: Decorate your vehicles and show off around the neighborhood.

Whatever you do, make the evening the most meaningful for you!



CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS ▶ RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES



Taking it home: Responsibility



1. ENGAGE

100 Family Memories. This December, challenge your family to make a list of 100 family memories from the year, big and small. As memories come to mind, add them to the list. At the end of the month, share and reflect on these memories as a family. Celebrate the good ones, talk about the lessons you may have learned from the hard ones, and think about all the ways you have grown this year.



2. EMPOWER

One Word. Instead of writing a long list of resolutions or goals for the new year, ask each member of your family to choose one word to focus on. Set aside some time and ask each member of your family to share their word and why they chose it. Get creative and make a sign or decorate a notecard with this word to serve as a reminder.

The expression, "you learn from experience," is only partially true. The real learning happens when you **reflect** on those experiences and take **responsibility** for how you choose to use them to help you grow. The end of the year is a great time to reflect as a family. As you do, slow down and celebrate your accomplishments, identify areas you may want to improve and consider new ways to serve others in the days ahead. What lessons did your family learn this year that will help make you stronger in 2022?



3. EXCEL

Neighborhood Sunshine Walk. As a family, write a few notes of encouragement to uplift or affirm those in your community. Take a walk in your neighborhood or apartment building and leave these notes of encouragement on windshields, doors, or mailboxes to spread a little sunshine.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What is your favorite memory from this year?
- Describe this year in three words. Why did you choose those words?
- What is one thing you want to learn to do next year?



BEST BUDDIES

WHS Best Buddies Club had a wonderful holiday lights bus tour around the city of Winterset on December 20th. Peers and their peer buddies in 7-12th grade participated in this event, gazed at lights, and sang Christmas carols while on the bus tour. The group then returned to the high school and sipped hot cocoa, ate Christmas treats, and continued to build lasting and meaningful friendships. Our next monthly social will be held on January 19th, 2022.

If you student is interested in joining this club please reach out to Lana McDonald, Jaycee Hatten, or Callie Drake. Merry Christmas from WHS Best Buddies!

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Winterset Community School Distirct presents:

Positive Parenting: Cozy Conversations

Please join us for informational sessions
and conversations surrounding:

CHALLENGING BEHAVIOR

&

MENTAL HEALTH

Wednesday, January 19th

From 6:00-8:00 PM

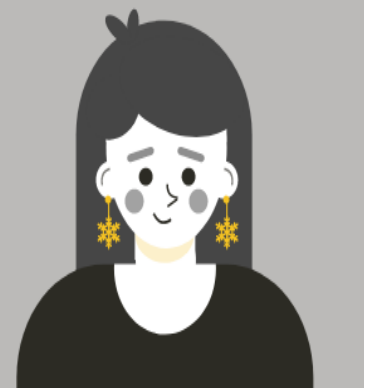
At Winterset High School

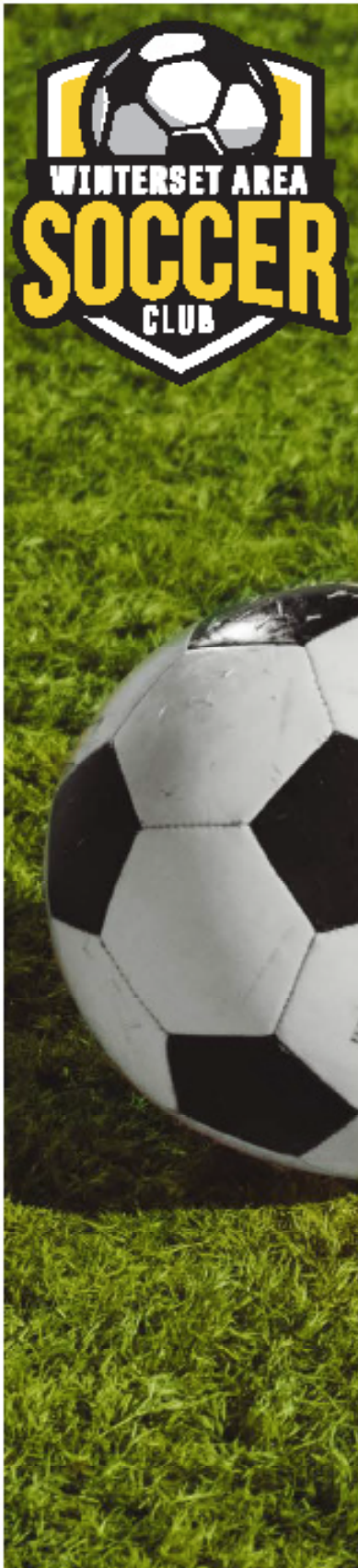
Chilli and Hot Cocoa Bar

Childcare provided

Please go to:

**<https://tinyurl.com/WCSDPositive>
to RSVP and let us know if you need
transportation!**





REGISTER NOW

for the Spring Soccer Season

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION MARCH 1

Register online at:

https://wascsoccer.demosphere-secure.com/_registration

HS STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Our CRISP Adopt A Family was very successful. We ended up “adopting” 8 kids and fulfilling all of their wishes. Usually the money comes from a concession stand, but this year WHS student council members stepped up and used their own money to provide over 35 gifts to area young people.

We also organized and promoted 8 days of dress up for the JH & HS. The other buildings also participated. Flannel day and pajama day were 2 of the more popular days for participation. We also organized a fun assembly on the last day of school before break. At the end of the day we helped the teachers to plan fun activities and purchased supplies for them. Some events were gingerbread contests, volleyball, making cards for nursing homes, board games, and manicures.

During seminar, students also made beautiful cards that were delivered to both North and Azria care centers. Students were able to make them at home or complete them on site. Several silver cord members also made cards that were delivered to area nursing homes.

We were not able to have an official social last year for the holidays. On Dec. 19 we had a party at the local skating rink. We decorated cookies and had pizza.

Our January plans are a trip to Meals from the Heartland on January 15. We will take a bus there and help pack meals.



Stay Connected with WCSD!



Upgraded Website:

- www.winterset.k12.ia.us
- District homepage updated weekly
- School homepages are updated frequently with information
- Daily calendar of events for schools as well as athletics/activities is located on district homepage

Electronic Backpacks:

- Located on both the district and school homepages - includes fliers, newsletters, important and timely information

Facebook:

- Winterset Community School District:
[@wintersetschools](https://www.facebook.com/wintersetschools)
- Winterset Huskies for Athletics and Activities updates:
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Twitter:

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Infinite Campus:

- Must have a **portal account** - contact your school's office or the Administration Building to request account

Madisonian:

- Article by Superintendent every other week