Weather conditions delay the return from Christmas break

By Jessie Atteberry, The Cardinal January 21, 2022

With the end of Christmas break, Waitsburg High School students were to return to class on Monday, January 3rd but due to weather conditions the return was postponed.

The night before our scheduled return date, a snow storm blew in causing students and staff to be stuck at home. The roads were icy because of the below freezing temperature of 26°F. The morning after, the Waitsburg School District administration called for no school due to how bad the storm had been.

On Tuesday, January 4th, WHS students came back to school with classes beginning at 10:30 a.m. after a two-hour delay. This delay was caused by slick road conditions from a rain/snow storm. For some of the seniors this was only a two period school day since some of them leave earlier in the day for community college classes and work. The average temperature for Tuesday was 39°F; at least it was starting to warm up.

January 5th and 6th, school was again closed. There were incoming snow storms predicted on Wednesday with an average temperature of 34°F. Thursday started with a two-hour delay, but turned into no school. A post on our school website made by Hannah Cole stated, “Update for January 5th: After another review of road conditions and a look at the current and incoming weather we have decided to cancel school today.” Weather conditions such as sleet, rain, and snow came in all day long. Everything was starting to melt with the temperatures back to 39°F, but at night it got down to about 27°F causing everything to freeze up.

Friday, January 7th arrived with better weather. School was to run without a two-hour delay or school cancellation. Hannah Cole posted to the school website, “Waitsburg schools are running on time today, January 7, 2022.”

Even though it did rain most of the day and the average temperature was up to 48°F. Our WHS staff was very glad to see all the students return even though it was the last day of the week.

BREAKING NEWS

On Wednesday, January 26 WHS students transitioned to Distance Learning until Monday, January 31 due to an increase in COVID cases. The situation will be re-evaluated Monday, January 31 to see when students will return to the classroom.
LOCAL

High School Finals Week

By Alexis Reeves, The Cardinal
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UPDATE: January 27...This article was submitted prior to the closing of WHS due to COVID.

WAITSBURG--Waitsburg High School finals week took place January 26, 27, and 28. On Wednesday, January 26, periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 held finals and on Thursday, January 27th, periods 2, 4, and 8 held finals. Friday, January 28th was reserved for those students who needed to make up a final.

Students experienced a variety of final situations. Both Mrs. Groom’s junior and senior English classes took a comprehensive Wordly Wise vocabulary test as a final. In journalism, the class final was the January articles in The Cardinal newspaper.

In Mr. Kiefel’s physical science class they finished chapter 19 section 4 and took the chapter 19 test. Biology finished chapter 6 section 4 and took the chapter 6 test. In energy sources, the class finished chapter 6 section 3, and took the chapter 6 test. Forensics had a final essay on Killers of the Flower Moon. Sports Anatomy had a final performance on the deck Wednesday.

Mrs. Leid’s freshman English had a test on Lord of the Flies, and sophomore English had a test on Fahrenheit 451. In speech communications students wrote a speech. And finally, in creative writing, they wrote a movie review.

In Ms. Pradere’s algebra 1 students wrote linear equations and linear models. Algebra 2 solved quadratic equations. In the two Spanish classes, students took a final reading assessment in their project areas, where they read a text in Spanish and answer questions about the text that are focused on reading comprehension and word usage in context.

The health class with Miss Gould found freshman students learning about communicable diseases and create posters on their assigned disease microbe. In these posters, students included the common name for the disease, the scientific name, a drawn picture of the microbe, description of the cells, the host cells, such as who carries the disease (humans, animals, insects, etc.) and the symptoms of the disease.

Finals occur at Waitsburg High School at the end of each semester. Spring finals will be held in June.

Journalism students prepare for the January edition of The Cardinal for finals—Staff photo
Second semester changes

By Caleb Barron. *The Cardinal*
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WAITSBURG--As semester one of the 2021-2022 school year comes to an end, you might be looking for what your next class schedules will be looking like or what classes you signed up for because you do not remember. If you are not sure what your second semester classes look like, get in touch with your class advisor or somebody in the office and they should be able to help you. There are a few new classes offered second semester.

NEW CLASSES SECOND SEMESTER
Mrs. Abel: 5th period projects; 8th period floral
Mr. Elder: 8th period regional history
Mr. Kiefel: 7th period criminal justice
Mrs. Leid: 3rd period literature in folklore; 7th period literature in films; 8th period: anthropology

For everyone, here is a reminder of what our second semester schedule looks like at Waitsburg High School

Waitsburg High School Schedule
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WHS seniors begin applying for scholarships

By Brayden Mohney, *The Cardinal*
January 21, 2022

WAITSBURG--During the week of Monday, January 10th, the senior class of 2022 began filling out college scholarships in Mrs. Groom's first period English class.

The Class of 2022 began filling out the Walla Walla Community College Foundation scholarship, the Blue Mountain Community College scholarship as well as the Waitsburg Firemen's Association scholarship. Each of these scholarships require a resume including activities the individual was involved with during high school, honors and awards that the individual received, and reasoning on why the individual thinks he or she should be chosen for the scholarship.

Each scholarship also required the applicant to write multiple essays as well as answer a plethora of questions with the end goal being to receive money towards the college in which they plan to attend.

Scholarships will be announced at graduation on June 3, 2022.

BUSINESS

2021-2022 season at Bluewood

By Olivya McFarland, *The Cardinal*
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DAYTON—Bluewood’s opening day for was December 17th and for the 2021-22 ski season they have announced a three phase, $4.5 million dollar expansion plan over the next three years to improve the mountain.

This plan, which is already in progress, includes a new power generator for the whole mountain that will improve efficiency and a quieter operation system than the current one. This plan also includes upgrades to the skyline lift, snow makers, and a lift that will take riders up to Vintner’s Ridge. The USDA Forest Service health program has also been working with Bluewood to thin out dense sections and remove diseased trees to improve tree skiing.

Bluewood is located 20 miles from Dayton and is currently opened Wednesday-Sunday.

*Photos from Ski Bluewood Facebook Page*
ENTERTAINMENT

New Spider-Man in theaters

By Keon Lindley, The Cardinal
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WAITSBURG--The brand new Spider-Man No Way Home recently came out into theatres, and I happened to watch it on the Thursday before Christmas.

Personally I thought it was a great movie. It had a good plot, good backstory, and an even better role selection for the characters. The movie contained Toby Maguire from the original Spider-Man films, Andrew Garfield from the second release of Spider-Man movies, and Tom Holland one of the more popular and recent Spider-Man actors.

The movie’s great story was similar to previous and classic Spider-man movies, while still being able to have a new or fresh style within the characters and plot. Many people must agree with me because, the ticket sales generated about 40 million dollars in the first week of the movie’s release for Marvel and it was number one in the box office for a while. It was passed by the new Scream, but it quickly took back the leading box office spot again that next weekend. Tickets are even selling for as much as twenty five thousand dollars on eBay just to watch the film.

Many were let down by the ending of the movie, but a lot of other people are excited because another Spider-Man was hinted to be coming; no one knows when, but I bet the next will be just as great as the previous project.