



Westfall



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER #RISEABOVE

FEBRUARY 2022

DISTRICT EVENTS

February 4

3rd Interim Ends

February 7-11

WES Book Fair 4:30 PM-6:30 PM
School Counselor Appreciation Week

February 9

3rd Interim Grades Due

February 10

WMS Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences
2:30 PM - 8:30 PM

WHS Parent/Teacher Conferences
3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

WES Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 11

Interim Reports Available via ProgressBook

February 12

ACT Test | Teays Valley High School

February 14

Valentines Day

February 15

WES Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 16

WHS Choir Concert
6:30 PM

February 17

Random Acts of Kindness Day

February 18

ASVAB Post Test Interpretation

February 21

NO SCHOOL
Presidents Day

February 22

Board Meeting 6:30 PM (WE)
School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

February 23

Westfall Way Forward
WHS Band Concert
7:00 PM

Message from the SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Mustangs,

The best thing about this February is that it is the month during which concrete foundations will begin to be poured for our new addition.

In March, the addition will start with concrete slab placement, masonry walls, and the erection of structural steel. Then, it will be easier to witness the shape of this new building and visualize that our expansion will become a reality.

In May, the joist and deck erection will lead into roofing, which will begin in June. After the roofing is complete, it is full speed ahead! Presently, it looks like our addition will be completed in December of 2022.

So February has value as it begins an eleven-month process that will end with a beautiful new addition that will be enjoyed by our students, staff, and community for many decades.

Go Mustangs!

Jeff Sheets

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To our staff

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- 2 Suzie Rice, WES
- 2 Candy Webb, WES
- 4 Rachel Whaley, WES
- 6 Jay Miller, WHS
- 6 Dianna Swain, WES
- 9 Renee Ingram, DISTRICT
- 11 Tara Bivens, WES
- 12 Michelle Gamboni, WMS
- 13 Talea McGinnis, WES
- 15 Kathy Fuller, WMS
- 21 Nancy Downing, DISTRICT
- 21 Brooklyn Stage, WES
- 22 Leah Huffer, WES
- 28 Dakota Griffith, WES



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Stepp started as an extraordinary player at West Jefferson High School and completed a phenomenal four-year run for the Otterbein Cardinals. He started two years as a wide receiver before becoming a two-time first-team All-Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) quarterback.

"During the interview process, three things stood out about Logan Stepp - the importance of relationships, the importance of people, and the importance of winning," said Westfall High School Principal Jason Fife. "He's experienced a lot of success as a high school player, a collegiate player, as a young coach, and he knows what it takes to create a winning program."

Stepp joins the Mustang family and is eager to hit the ground running, ready to tackle the 2022 season. "We're really excited to have Logan on board for our kids, the community, and Westfall Athletics. We think he's going to do great things for our football program," said Trevor Thomas, Westfall Athletic Director.

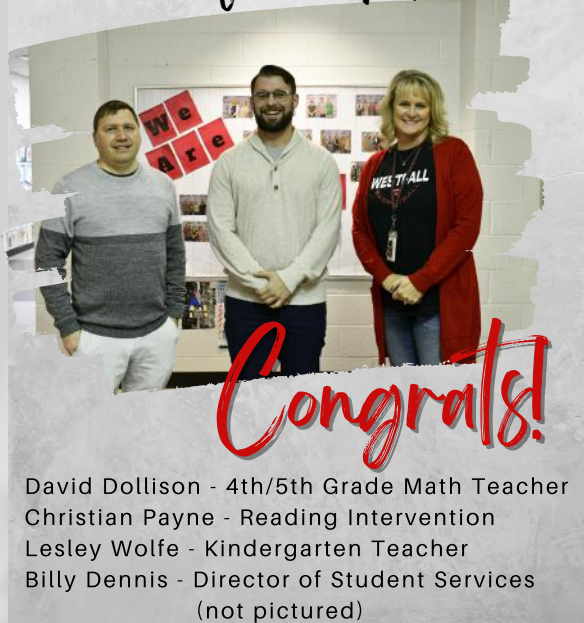
Stepp has plans to reach out to all of Westfall's athletes, helping them achieve structure athletically and academically. "I'm excited to be here," said Stepp. "Westfall athletes want to win. I want to give the kids an opportunity to win socially, academically, and athletically. That's the whole goal. The goal is to win in all three phases of life, and I'm excited about the opportunity to help kids do that." Stepp's vision for the program and his passion are very clear, and we feel he will make an immediate positive impact on our young men.

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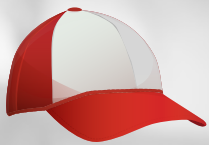
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Staff Members of the Month!



SNOW DAY!

Recently, I had the the pleasure of visiting Mrs. Woods' 2nd-grade class and talk about my role as Communications Director at Westfall Local Schools. Beyond being the "camera lady," they were shocked to discover that, as Communications Director, I am also the voice that makes the "Snow Day calls!" It was only fitting that we then read the book "Snow Day" by Barbara Joosse. Mrs. Woods invites a different guest reader to her class every Friday, introducing her students to several district leaders who teach them about their roles within the school.



HAT DAY

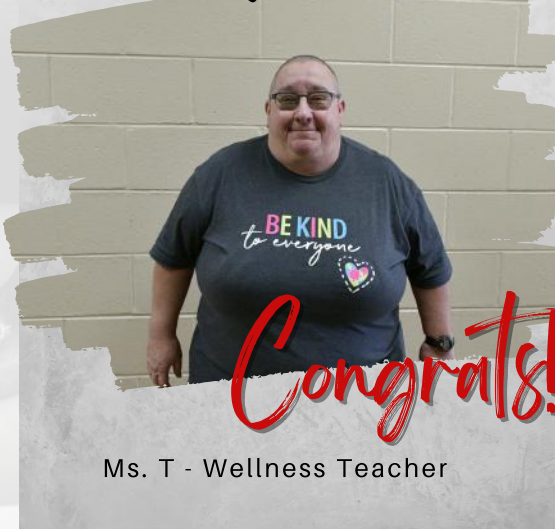


Our Mustang Family came together to support Unioto's Little family this month. Together, Westfall Local Schools collected \$1,041.28 from a recent hat day fundraising event. The proceeds will be presented during the Westfall/Unioto Boys Basketball game on Friday, February 4.





Staff Member of the Month!



Ms. T - Wellness Teacher

SECRET VAULT APPS: WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Many parents wonder how to check if their child has a dangerous vault app hidden on their phone. Vault apps will often look like other common mobile device apps. Think of the most unassuming app on your phone, one which may or may not get a lot of use and one that typically wouldn't raise a red flag as you're checking your child's device. Vault apps often hide in plain sight, mimicking other apps, so keep your eyes open for duplicates.

A common vault app is Calculator%. Don't let it fool you; Calculator% will function as a calculator, but it unlocks a hidden folder for photos and videos after inputting a passcode. It also comes with a built-in media player, allowing users to view photos or stream videos without saving them outside of the vault, away from their parent's watchful eye.

Other apps, such as TikTok and Snapchat, while being the hottest social media sites among tweens and teens, come with their own hazards. These apps allow users to contact anyone in the world, allowing predators to contact or view your child's content. It's beneficial for parents to have open, honest, and ongoing conversations with their children about what's happening in these digital spaces. If your child uses any of these apps, sitting down with them and looking at them together, would be a great first step to internet safety.

MeetMe - Dating app that allows users to connect with others based on geographic location	Badoo - Dating and social media app for sharing photos and videos	Holla - Video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world
Grindr - Dating app geared towards LGBTQ community that uses phone's GPS location to find others	Bumble - Similar to Tinder, but requires females to make first contact	Whisper - Anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers
Skout - Location-based dating app that lets users share private photos	Snapchat - Photos and videos shared to the app typically disappear within 24 hours	Ask.fm - Encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions
WhatsApp - Messaging app that allows users to connect worldwide	KIK - Anyone can contact and direct message other users on the app	Calculator% - One of many secret apps that is used to hide photos, videos and browser history
TikTok - Popular app for kids that allows users to create and share short videos	Live.Me - Streaming video app that broadcasts users exact location	Hot or Not - Users can rate profile photos and chat with strangers

www.BeauBidenFoundation.org/15Apps

STAFF RAFFLE WINNERS!



Congratulations to Jasmine Hensley! She is the winner of the Valentine's Day basket containing two bags of Ghirardelli chocolates, a heart-shaped hot chocolate bomb, Valentine's garden flag, one Crossroads candle, a Black Raspberry Vanilla body lotion, and a \$50.00 gift card to Longhorn Steakhouse. This basket was donated by the Chenoweth family to show appreciation for everything the staff does for students, families, and the community.



Congratulations to Nurse Nancy! She is the raffle basket winner! A big shout-out to Sandy Liston and Lynn & Lou Designs for their donations!



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Mary Oney - Foreign Language Teacher
Matthew Greenlee - Science Teacher

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Congratulations to our Class of 2021 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees, Karen Hegarty, Lance Heath, and John Butts! Your hard work and commitment to Westfall Local Schools helped set a high precedent & expectation, which continues today.

KAREN HEGARTY | CLASS OF 1975



Karen is a 1975 graduate of Westfall High School. Westfall High School did not have sports for girls until the 1973-1974 school year, Karen was a member of two of those teams, Girls Basketball and Track. She earned varsity letters both her junior and senior years in Track and Basketball. Karen was a captain and leading rebounder and was named to the All-Pickaway County team in 1975. In Track, she was the school record holder in the high jump and as a member of the sprint medley team. She placed

1st in the high jump at both the district and regional meets becoming the first female athlete from Westfall to qualify and participate in the state track meet. After graduation from The Ohio State University in 1979, Karen returned to the Westfall Local School District as a teacher and coach until her retirement in 2012. Karen was the girls track coach and JV girls basketball coach. She was

named SVC coach of the year three times and coached 3 teams to SVC championships in track. As a basketball coach for 8 years, she had 3 undefeated seasons and was the assistant coach for 3 SVC championship teams. Karen resides in the Westfall School District with her husband, Terry. They have three children who are also Westfall graduates and two grandchildren.

LANCE HEATH | CLASS OF 1997



Lance is a 1997 graduate of Westfall High School, while in school Lance participated in Football, wrestling, and baseball. He was a 4-year letter winner in football, where his accolades include Team Offensive back of the year 1995 and 1996, All SVC in 1996, and Honorable Mention All Ohio. Lance was also named the Bill McGaffney Award Winner in 1996 as Pickaway County's most outstanding football player. Lance was also honored to be a member of the first team in Pickaway County to make the state playoffs in football. He was also a member of the baseball and wrestling teams as a freshman. Lance currently resides in Williamsport with his wife, Jamie, and their two daughters, Ava and Ellie. Lance is also the head softball coach at Westfall High School, winning the Scioto Valley Conference in 2021 as well as a district championship in 2021.

JOHN BUTTS | COACH & TEACHER



John Butts served as a teacher and coach at Westfall Middle School for 28 years. Coach Butts also served as the middle school athletic director for 2 years. He coached both at the high school and middle school in a variety of positions. Coach Butts was the head varsity baseball coach for 3 years, an assistant varsity football coach for 4 years, and head girls golf coach for 3 years, as well as coaching all sports at the middle school during his career. John also helped Jerry Post start the Westfall Wrestling Program. In both 2011 and 2012 his girls golf teams qualified for the state tournaments. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association in 2010 and was named coach of the year for the Southeast District in 2012. John is a retired teacher and coach at Westfall Schools and resides in Circleville with his wife Joyce.

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COLLEGE & CAREER NEWS

Emily Smith PICKAWAY WORKS COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELOR



GETTING READY TO TAKE ON *the Real World!*

February 23rd, Westfall High School's College and Career Counselor, Emily Smith, partnered with Pickaway WORKS, is once again hosting "Westfall Way Forward," an annual event that presents students with different career options after high school. Based on the results of a career survey, Sophomores and Juniors take part in four informational sessions led by a variety of industry leaders that suits their interests. From Nursing to Law Enforcement, Automotive to Interior Design, speakers allow students to learn more about their positions, responsibilities, and the path they took that led them to their current role.



Seniors will take part in a four-part series of events, including a crash course on how to search for jobs, the do's and don'ts of writing your resume, and land the perfect position from Ohio Means Jobs. In addition, Kingston National Bank will be here to help seniors prioritize their finances and attend an informal roundtable with Westfall alums discussing the truths of life after high school. The final session for seniors is the Mock Interview process, where they will meet with over 25 community leaders to practice their interview skills, build confidence, and help enhance their resumes. Westfall Way Forward is an excellent opportunity where students can gain knowledge and helpful tips for transitioning into the workplace.

Save the Date!

FEBRUARY 12 ACT TEST	FEBRUARY 18 ASVAB RESULTS INTERPRETATION	FEBRUARY 23 WESTFALL WAY FORWARD	MARCH 1 STATE-FUNDED ACT TEST FOR JUNIORS AT WESTFALL
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