

The Senatorial

Mr. Bazler—Safety First at Washington-Nile

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New Website

Washington-Nile will be changing our website to a new format that will enhance our communication capabilities with our students, staff and community. The new site will allow for easier access on multiple types of devices. Watch for the new site coming this spring!

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Washington-Nile Local Schools is fully committed to curbing student bullying and school violence, and providing a positive learning environment for all students. We are working to develop a culture that enhances personal safety and promotes respect, dignity, and equality among students. We believe our schools play an important role in helping faculty, staff and parents prepare students to be respectful and responsible citizens. As part of our commitment, the district is initiating a new integrated program that provides:

- * Online & telephone reporting tools for students, parents and staff.
- * Additional student training regarding the need to speak up about safety and bullying issues.
- * Additional staff training in recognizing & responding to incidents of bullying and violence.
- * Administrative systems to manage incidents and document district and school response to reported concerns of bullying and violence.

Portsmouth West Schools will make every effort to handle and respond to every charge and complaint filed by students, parents and employees

in a fair, thorough, and just manner. Also, every effort will be made to protect the due process rights of all victims and all alleged perpetrators.

New Students/Parent Hotline!

Students who believe they have been harassed, bullied, victimized by fellow students, or have other concerns which may jeopardize the safety of students, employees or school facilities, are asked to "Speak Up" and promptly report the issue using our district's new student/parent hotline-accessible both online and by telephone.

Options to report an issue:

Call 1-866-listen2me (1-866-547-8362) and talk with a live attendant. When the student talks with the live attendant, he/she has the option of being forwarded to one of the following national hotlines:

- * 977 Urgent response.
- * National AIDS Hotline AIDS/HIV
- * National Runaway Switchboard Homeless-Runaway.
- * NINELINE Hotline Relationship issues-peer/parent, alcohol/drug abuse.
- * RAINN Sexual assault; domestic violence; physical abuse.
- * Suicide Crisis Center
- * Call 1-866-listen2me (1-866-

547-8362 and leave a voice message.

- * Go to our district website and click on: "Stay Safe, Speak UP" - Student Hotline or "Bullied-Speak Up"- Student Hotline.

Washington-Nile Local Schools has contracted with a company called PublicSchoolWORKS to provide this service and to ensure you remain anonymous. If you use the telephone reporting system, the person you will be talking with is not affiliated with our district. The attendant will listen to your issue, complete a written report, and then, if you'd like, transfer you to a specialist or other support person.

After you finish your call or make your report online, the district will receive a confidential report from PublicSchoolWORKS. Your issue will then be investigated by our district.

To ensure your information is sufficient, please give names, times and event details which you feel we should know. Please try to provide as much information about the situation as possible.

Remember, this service is for the safety of everyone.

Sincerely,
Mr. Anthony Bazler

Superintendent, W-N LSD

Meet the Senator 2018-2019 Swim Team



The 2018-2019 School year marks the beginning of a new athletic opportunity for the students of Portsmouth West High School. Fifteen high school and three junior high school students are involved in the program. It didn't take long for these lucky few, the "Original 18" to realize that swimming on the West High School team wasn't going to be easy. Being a member of this team meant cold, late nights at SSU and sore muscles. Members are expected to learn all four major swim techniques (with proper dives and turns). Those techniques are the backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and freestyle and in order to be competitive, our Senators are asked to specialize in two techniques. At the end of the day, being part of this team has been an overwhelmingly positive and incredibly healthy experience for our young men and women. The Senator Swim team is coached by head coach Eric Nichols and assistant coach Carolyn Callihan. The team manager is third grade West student Gabe Nichols.

The members of the 2018-2019 high

school team are as follows: Hailey "Hay Hay" Bentley, Rielly "Diablo" Carr, Caleb "Riptide" Hazelbaker, Madison "Dory" Howard, Gary "Water Buffalo" Jenkins, Sharon "Mighty Mouse" Macias, Layla "LaLa" McCleese, Noah "Redtide" Nichols, Ashlyn "Squid" Pfau, Hayden "Caterpillar" Runions, Kaylee "Aqua Girl" Scott, Jalynn "Jay" Williams, Ana "Piranha" Wireman, Bailee "Sharkbait" Wireman and Randa "Randal" Wireman

As part of an effort to ensure the long term success of the Swim team here at Portsmouth-West, Coach Nichols started what he called the Portsmouth West Jr. High "Ambassador Program." Three 8th grade students came forward and took the challenge: Sydney "Syd" Burchett, Madison "Mighty Minnow" Fleenor and Kirsten "Nemo" Whisman.

These 8th graders had their first meet on December 15th and had some very strong finishes and near victories. Now that these ladies have the first meet "jitters" out of their system, Coach Nichols and Callihan are very, very optimistic of the future of these young ladies and the Senator Swim Team.

The members of the high school team are

also already experiencing some successes in their individual "heats," and some of our athletes are placing very well in the individual and group events against the local teams such as Portsmouth, Notre Dame, Wheelersburg and Northwest. Senator Swim team members Hayden Runions, Noah Nichols and Sharon Macias have already been featured in the Scioto Voice and the Scioto Voice also plans to run a featured article in December 2018 on the start of our new West team.

After the holiday break the Senator Swim Team continues their season with a meet against Northwest, Burg and Notre Dame on January 3rd at the Shawnee State University Warsaw Natatorium. The Senator Swim season continues on these following dates:

January 9: Ports/Burg/West/ND, 5pm start

January 16: Ports/Burg/NW/West, 5pm start

January 23: ORCA Meet (all local teams and River Valley), 5pm start

January 26: S.O.C. Meet (Tentative 9am or 10am start, TBA)

January 30: County Championship Meet (all local teams), 5pm start

February 9: Sectional Meet at OU Athens, TBA

We would like to thank the many sponsors and contributors that have made this season financially possible. Coach Callihan and I could not be more pleased with the performance and positivity of our student athletes thus far. In closing, if you will be a high school student next year and you think you have what it takes, we "dare" you to come join us next season. Just Keep Swimming!

Coach Eric Nichols

Mr. Chris Gibson—2018 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee



Mr. Chris Gibson and wife

Mr. Chris Gibson was inducted into the PW Athletic Hall of Fame this past August. He is a 1972 graduate of Portsmouth West High School. He is also a graduate of Graceland College in Iowa.

While at PWHS, he played football, earning a letter three of those years. He was the starting quarterback. He was named to the Southern Ohio Conference All Conference 1st Team. He also was

a basketball and baseball standout for the Senators.

Mr. Gibson played football and baseball at Graceland College where he was a 4-year letterman in both baseball and football. As quarterback, he led his football team to their first ever bowl appearance and was named MVP his senior season. He was also a member of the Heart of America All-Star Team. In addition, to his very impressive football season, he was an all-district baseball player for two years.

Mr. Gibson spent 30 years as a teacher at West. He has had a positive influence on literally hundreds of students and athletes.

He coached in some capacity most of his career. Some of his accomplishments include:

22 years as a football coach-7 years' head coach-Several SOC playoffs

Multiple SOC Championships as a head football coach

Named District Coach of the year

He also was assistant baseball coach

The Washington-Nile Local School District is honored to induct Chris Gibson into our 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame.

Middle School Receives State Momentum Award

PWMS once again received recognition from the Ohio Department of Education to schools and districts for exceeding expectations in student growth for the year. To be eligible for the award the school or district must have at least two Value-Added sub-groups of students. Also districts and schools must earn all 'A's on all applicable value-added measures on the Ohio State Report Card in 2018. The four possible measures are: overall (all students), gifted, students in lowest 20% in achievement, and students

with disabilities.

Only 226 schools received the Momentum Award in 2018. There are 148 of the 2018 recipients that have received the award more than once, and only three schools have received the Momentum Award for all years it has been given. This is Portsmouth West Middle School's second time to receive the award!

Congratulations to all the students, staff, and administration at PWMS in your continued excellence!



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Mr. Roger Tackett—2018 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee



Roger Tackett with his wife Martha—2018 Hall of Fame Recipient

Mr. Roger Tackett, a 1964 graduate of West High School, was inducted into the West Alumni Hall of Fame this past August. Mr. Tackett enlisted in the Marine Corp in 1966, forgoing his college enrollment to fight for his country in Vietnam. He was critically wounded in action in 1967 which left him paralyzed from the waist down. In 1968, he received the Purple Heart for Military Service as a result of his valor in combat and the wounds he received.

He graduated from Wright State University in 1973, with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. Mr. Tackett ran for public office and was elected to serve as the Clark County Commissioner for six consecutive terms serving a total of 28 years. He oversaw the construction of the Clark County Administration Building and the Springfield Government Center during his tenure as County Commissioner. Mr. Tackett also served as Chairman of the Governor's office of Veteran's Affairs, and served on the Advisory Committee.

During this time he helped elevate the Department of Veteran's Affairs to a cabinet level position and advocated a pay bonus for Iraq Veterans.

Mr. Tackett was twice named Ohio's Outstanding Disabled American Veteran and was also recognized or held office in the following:

Served on the Board of National Association of County Commissioner; Chairman of Clark County United Way Campaign; Advocate for Miami Valley Council on Aging; Advocate for Air Quality Standards, Energy Conservation and Environmental Preservation.; KTK Industrial Park in Clark County has his name on it; Member of Ohio Veteran's Hall of Fame; Vice Chairman of Steering Committee for Air Quality in the Miami Valley; Served on the Board of Directors for County Commissioners Association of Ohio; Worked to obtain funding for the VA Hospital in Dayton, Ohio; Received the "No Greater Love Award" from the 7th District Congressman Clarence Brown for his ongoing community service.

Mr. Tackett was also the guest speaker at the high school Veterans Day Ceremony this past November.

9-11 Girls Little League-State Champs

The Portsmouth West Girls Little League team took the State Championship Title this past July. First defeating Fairland with a 5-1 victory, the mighty Senator girls clinched the championship title by delivering a 10-3 victory over Tallmadge. Congratulations PW 9-11 Girls Little League!

Pictured l-r: Emily Moore, Kaylor Picklesimer, Kamryn Spriggs, Brooklyn Pitts, Myla Mead, Shelby Rhea, Morgan Stiles, Kate Rollins, Addison Arnold, Kyndall Ford. In front: Emma Sayre. #WeAreWest



Dr. John Walker—2018 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee



Dr. John Walker and his wife.

Dr. John Walker is the 2018 Washington-Nile Alumni Hall of Fame recipient. He graduated from Washington High School as Valedictorian in 1955. Dr. Walker then

graduated from McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, receiving honors with a B.A. in zoology. After graduating from McMicken, Dr. Walker attended the Univer-

sity of Cincinnati, College of Medicine where he received his physicians doctorate.

He had a private practice in urology from 1968-1999. During this time he served as Chief of Staff at Mercy Hospital in 1973-1974, and served on the hospital's Board of Trustees from 1975 until it's merger with Scioto Memorial Hospital. He was also president of the Scioto County Medical Society in 1991. Certified by the American Board of Urology in 1972, he is also a member of the American College of Surgeons continuing with a senior membership to present day.

In the community, Dr. Walker has been a member of the Portsmouth Rotary Club since 1968. He served as team physician for Portsmouth West from 1968-1982 and then at Portsmouth High from 1983-1999. He was awarded the Ohio Outstanding Team Physician Award in 1995 by the Ohio State Medical Association and the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Dr. Walker was honored with star on the Portsmouth flood wall in 2000, and received the Outstanding Physician Award in 2005.

Congratulations Dr. Walker in all of your outstanding achievements and awards and in being a 2018 Washington-Nile Hall of Fame recipient!

Coach Chris Rapp—2019 SOE Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame Inductee

Chris Rapp was named to the 2019 class of the Southeastern Ohio Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame by his fellow coaches.

Coach Rapp started out as the Junior Varsity coach for Chris Gibson in 1992. The next year he became the head coach. Chris has coached from 1993 - 2004 and returned in 2009 to the present. In this span, his teams have achieved 334 wins. Coach Rapp has guided his Senators to 9 Sectional Titles, 3 District Championships, 3 District Runner Up, 2 Regional Semi Finals, 1 Regional Runner Up, 1 Conference Championship and 4 Conference Runners Up. In this time period 8 of Rapp's teams have been ranked in the state poll.

In order to be nominated by a fellow coach, coaches must achieve 150 points from categories such as wins, Sectional, District, Regional, and State tournament appearances and being named District Coach of the Year.

Chris says it's an honor to be inducted into the Hall of Fame but it wouldn't be possible without the fine players he has coached and great assistant coaches that have worked by his side. This honor is just as much theirs as mine. I have been so fortunate to be able to coach at Portsmouth West.



PWHS Ohio Model Nations Group Recognized



The West Ohio Model United Nations group traveled to Columbus, Sunday, December 2-4, to take part in Ohio's largest mock United Nations. West students represented three nations, Antigua-Barbuda, Lesotho, and Senegal. After researching, each group wrote and presented a resolution to their appropriate councils.

Lesotho's delegates tackled the issue of the AIDS epidemic this nation is experiencing. Their resolution presented to its International Court a plan to medically monitor and treat infected patients. This group's resolution included a clause that targeted individuals who commit sex crimes which

results in an increase to the spread of the virus.

Our delegates from Senegal presented to the Economic and Social Council a proposal to reverse the effects of desertification. Their plan included the creation of an irrigation system and a drainage system to reduce salt levels in the soil. These systems would be incrementally created, and as field crops began to profit, then further systems could be installed.

West OMUN delegates also experienced and participated in lively debate during the General Assembly sessions. They found that the more involved they were, the richer their

experience grew. They attended a formal luncheon and a celebration from various native cultural talents. While there, they also enjoyed debating and supporting various county teams such as Valley, Minford, and Notre Dame.

Juniors Abbie Pack and Emily Sissel were recognized with Outstanding Delegates Awards. Sophomores Jerrod Opperman and Dylan Essman we're invited to join the OMUN Student Advisory Board. They will be charged with attending future meeting and leadWest OMUN delegates also experienced and participated in lively debate during the General Assembly sessions. They found that the more involved they were, the richer their experience grew. They attended a formal luncheon and a celebration from various native cultural talents. While there, they also enjoyed debating and supporting various county teams such as Valley, Minford, and Notre Dame.

Plans are already set for next year's trip. Students have selected their nations and are eager to get started once more. The OMUN advisors are Alison and Richard Smalley.

Alison Smalley, OMUN Advisor

Molly Taylor—DAR Good Citizen Award

PWHS Senior Molly Taylor was recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution with the Good Citizen Award this past fall. The award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in the homes, schools, and communities.

Students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate these qualities to an outstanding degree.

Congratulations Molly Taylor in receiving recognition as an outstanding citizen in our schools and community.



Mrs. Kristina Bradford—One of Portsmouth's Best



Mrs. Kristina Bradford was recently chosen as one of Scioto County's 'Best Teacher' in the Portsmouth Daily Times 'Best Of' voting.

Mrs. Bradford has been teaching for 17 years, the last 4 years at Portsmouth West Elementary. She said, "I am thankful to have joined our Washington-Nile family 4 years ago. I currently teach first grade and enjoy every moment. I look forward to the excitement they bring to learning and the hugs they want to share. The learning experiences that we share in the our classroom are what this is all about. Watching my kids learn and grow is priceless. They are the reasons for the teaching opportunities I've been given to earn this award and for them I am thankful!"

Thank you Mrs. Bradford for all you do for your students and PWES!

Positive Behavioral & Intervention Supports—PBIS

The 2018-2019 school year marked the introduction of Positive Behavioral & Intervention Supports (PBIS) district wide to students and staff. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), the Technical Assistance Center on PBIS supports schools, districts, and states to build systems capacity for implementing a multi-tiered approach to social, emotional and behavior support. The broad purpose of PBIS is to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and equity of schools and other agencies. PBIS improves social, emotional and academic outcomes for all students, including students with disabilities and students from underrepresented groups. (PBIS.org)

Students and staff gain enhanced so-

cial, emotional, and behavioral competence by using Washington-Nile's PBIS Plan.

The high, middle, and elementary schools each have developed a PBIS matrix to promote positive behaviors throughout the school day. Matrices are displayed in the classrooms and common areas to encourage students and staff to practice the values and behaviors outlined in each matrix. PBIS pep rallies and other activities are held to reinforce expected behaviors and to acknowledge achievements of both students and staff in developing and maintaining positive behaviors and support throughout the district. (Matrices pictured on back cover page).

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Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Kegley, and Mrs. Kasper bringing on the positive vibes at the elementary PBIS Halloween Pep Rally!



Portsmouth West High School

#WeAreWest - Living above the Line

#WeAreWest when we:

	Classroom	Common Areas	Extra Curriculars/Community
Respect Ourselves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strive to be elite Are prepared and on time: Materials and Chromebook Are honest Are in our assigned area/seat and engaged Complete work on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make good food choices Wear appropriate attire Exhibit perseverance Have a positive attitude Accept responsibility for our choices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strive to be elite Wear appropriate attire Practice sportsmanship Promote teamwork
Respect Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect others' physical and emotional space Actively participate and are encouraging and helpful Listen to teachers and other students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are patient in lunch line Maintain a minimum noise level Walk in hallway appropriately Are positive and kind in speech and actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform community service Strive to be elite Practice sportsmanship Cheer the team in a positive way Honor commitment
Respect the School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent with class/above the line Keep extra materials away, in bag or locker Keep our assigned area tidy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak and act positively about the school Maintain a clean environment Use materials and facilities for designed purpose Take action to improve the school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a clean environment Use materials and facilities for designed purpose

PBIS Matrices for the high, middle, and elementary schools outline appropriate behaviors for students and staff in each building. PBIS promotes and encourages all Washington-Nile students and staff to practice positive behaviors throughout the school day and into the community.

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Portsmouth West Elementary

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EXPECTATIONS	Classroom	Hallway	Restroom	Cafeteria	Recess	All Other Settings
Work Ethic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work first, play later Take our time Do our best Keep our area clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get permission Set a good example 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect privacy of others Keep our area clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have our lunch card/ lunch box ready Keep food and/or drink in permitted areas only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do the right thing even when no one is watching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively participate
Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eyes watching Ears listening Voices quiet Bodies calm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go directly to our classroom Stay on the right side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use our time wisely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eat our food in a timely manner Use inside voices Stay seated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow adult directions Move appropriately Use appropriate voices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen quietly Conduct ourselves in an orderly manner
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use walking feet Keep hands and feet to ourselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use walking feet Wash our hands and feet to ourselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use walking feet Wash our hands with soap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use walking feet Keep our hands to ourselves Keep our feet under the table Keep our bottom on a seat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go one at a time on the slide Take turns with equipment Stay in our designated area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay with our class/ assigned group
Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show West Side Pride! Help others Take turns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show West Side Pride! Walk quietly Enjoy the hallway with eyes only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show West Side Pride! Take turns Respect school property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show West Side Pride! Keep our area clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show West Side Pride! Act like a friend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show West Side Pride!

PORTSMOUTH WEST MS PBIS MATRIX

We are *Well motivated*, *Engaged*, *Self-growth*, *Teamwork*!

Expectations	Classroom	Lunchtime	Bus	Transitions	All Other Settings
W ell Motivated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be prepared to work Complete assignments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have card ready 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be on time Be ready to exit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be to class on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice good citizenship
E ngaged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be prepared with everything you need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow cafeteria rules Clean up after yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow safety procedures Stay seated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use inside voice Move in timely manner Stay to the right 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eyes on speaker Sit quietly Pay attention Leave in orderly manner
S elf-Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate and have high engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be patient Use manners Listen to adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a "Buddy" follow bus rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be respectful to others and their space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show "Senator" "Pride"
T eamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect others' property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay in line Wait your turn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect others' space and property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk to the right 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sit quietly