



# Junior Blues News



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Washburn Rural High School provides a progressive environment of world-class academics, athletics, and activities to foster all students' desires to learn and achieve through open discussion and self-discovery. As educators in pursuit of student success, we continually enhance our skills and knowledge so we may offer the most relevant, effective curriculum in order to achieve our vision.

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# From the Desk of Our Principal



Hello,

Over the last several years, there has been considerable talk about the importance of obtaining a high quality education. Scarcely a day goes by that the enormous costs of failing to educate a learned citizenry are not mentioned and lamented in the news. The statistics are quite startling – consider these, for example. Nearly 80% of all inmates in State and Federal prison systems are high school drop outs. 14.8% of all unemployment recipients have not completed their high school education.

Sadly, by the end of this day, 3,300 young people will have dropped out of high school across the country and, in doing so, severely limited their futures. It is, indeed, a bleak picture. So why is it, then, that “faceless” statistics like these rarely mean much more to us than a sad epitaph on someone else’s personal history? Generally, it is because a vivid enough portrait has not been painted related to how such numbers impact us directly. Let me try to do that for you now. Consider the following table which illustrates the average lifetime earnings one can expect based on their level of educational attainment.

<b>Education Level</b>	<b>Lifetime Weeks Worked</b>	<b>2019 Weekly Wage (Median)*</b>	<b>Estimated Lifetime Earnings</b>
Less than a high school diploma	2080	\$592	\$1,231,360
High School Graduate	2080	\$746	\$1,551,680
Some College - No Degree	2080	\$833	\$1,732,640
Bachelor's Degree	2080	\$1,248	\$2,595,840
Professional Degree	2080	\$1,861	\$3,870,880

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019

Does this help to bring things into focus for you? I shared this information with our freshman at the beginning of the school year and I can assure you that some eyes were opened! The difference in earning power between a high school dropout and a college graduate is just under 1.4 million dollars over a 40-year career. That is \$34,112 a year!

With so much of the future success of our young people hinging on obtaining a high school diploma, we take our responsibility to graduate every single student quite seriously at Washburn Rural. Not only does this imply assisting struggling students, but it also means making sure that our course offerings are cutting edge and of high interest to our student body.

Over the last 13 years we have instituted programming that is designed to achieve this end. You may recall that we implemented a “freshman only” orientation day at the start of the school during the 2008 school year. Additionally, we implemented Advisory Periods 11 years ago in order to help students make stronger connections to staff and programming in the building, to grant greater access for assistance from teachers during the school day, and ultimately, to increase student success. As additional evidence of our commitment to students, the Renaissance Program was restructured to not only recognize outstanding academic achievement, but also to provide incentives for grade improvement and perfect attendance. Moreover, we continue to add new career pathways within our vocational departments that have resulted in excellent “real world” opportunities for our students.

# From the Desk of Our Principal

Our Construction Science program partners with SENT, Inc. in an effort to provide students with the skills and technical expertise needed to be able to go to work directly out of high school if that is what they choose to do. Additionally, our coffee shop, “Common Grounds,” is a student run business in partnership with PT’s Coffee Roasting Company. From the design of the store’s “point of sale” system, to the advertising used in promoting its products, our students are learning the skills needed to successfully manage a business.

9 years ago, we were thrilled to launch the International Baccalaureate Program which provides students with expanded opportunities for academic rigor and college preparation. In time, it is our hope that a large segment of our student body takes advantage of this world-class curriculum and, in doing so; better prepare themselves for the world in which they will eventually live – and lead. In the last several years we have implemented a broad array of new courses and programs to better serve our students and community. Among those are AP Environmental Science, AP Psychology, AP Computer Science, a Career and Technical Education program in Video Productions, as well as a STEM Pathway in Biochemistry which has complemented our existing Biomedical Pathway. Next year we will add Business Law, Intro to Law, Public Safety, and Security, and Advanced Animation, to name a few. Whatever the future holds, rest assured that the staff at Washburn Rural High School is committed to providing your child an exceptional educational experience. Let us know how we can help!

Best,



Ed Raines, Principal

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View Our Story: [http://wrhs.usd437.net/videos/Our\\_Story/Our\\_Story.html](http://wrhs.usd437.net/videos/Our_Story/Our_Story.html)



## **College Entrance Exams**

Many stories have been published in recent months regarding the use of the ACT or SAT in college admissions. The value of an ACT or SAT score has been in question for many years. Research indicates that GPA and rigor in high school is a stronger indicator for success in college than admission exams. Before Covid, <https://www.fairtest.org/>, advocated for test optional policies and published lists of universities that did not require these exams for admission. After Covid and the cancelation of exams, over half of US universities have decided to not require ACT or SAT scores for admission for the Class of 2022; this includes Kansas universities. However, while the ACT or SAT score may not be needed to be admitted, in Kansas and other public universities, the exam results remain a crucial factor in awarding scholarship. Therefore, we encourage students to research their potential college options and decide whether taking or retaking the ACT or SAT is needed.

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/how-the-coronavirus-is-pushing-colleges-to-go-test-optional>

ACT preparation materials can be found at <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>.

SAT preparation materials can be found at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>.

## **College Visits**

As families start to make summer plans, we encourage students to visit college campuses. This experience can help students set goals, make decisions, and understand the application process. Advice on planning a college visit can be found at <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide>.

## **IB and AP exams**

We wish our students taking IB and AP exams well! As you prepare for exams, we encourage you to set goals for yourself. In Kansas, colleges are required to award credit for 4/7 on IB and 3/5 on AP.

<https://www.kansasregents.org/students/credit-for-prior-learning/ap-clep-ib>. To view specific university policies for IB and AP, search the university name plus IB or AP credit. Sample policies are below:

K-State: <https://go.k-state.edu/cpl>

KU: <https://admissions.ku.edu/apply/credit-transfer/high-school>

Washburn: <https://www.washburn.edu/academics/prior-learning-assessment/index.html>

**Schedules:** The pre-enrollment for the 2021-22 school year is complete. Schedules will be available in July. Schedule adjustments can be requested during walk-in registration. Please note that school counselors are not available during the summer to make schedule changes.

**Finals Study Tips:** This Fastweb article lists several tips for students as they prepare for their final exams in May: <https://www.fastweb.com/student-life/articles/the-20-study-tips-for-finals>



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# ◆ Winter Sport Highlights - Basketball

## BASKETBALL-BOYS

Freshman Boys Centennial League Basketball Tournament Champions

Varsity Boys Sub-State Tournament 2nd Place

Centennial League All-League Boys' Basketball Selections

1st Team All-League Joe Berry

2nd Team All-League Jack Hutchinson

Honorable Mention All-League Jack Bachelor

Player of the Year Joe Berry

(3-way tie) (Trevion Alexander from Topeka West and Marquee Wilkerson from Topeka West)



## BASKETBALL-GIRLS

Varsity Girls Sub-State Tournament 2nd Place

## DEBATE

2021 6A State Four-Speaker Debate Tournament Champions

Sonya Doubledee

Donna Jalosjos

Jiyoon Park

Zach Willingham

## ORCHESTRA

Janna Dungao

Made it into All-State

Violin



# ◆ Winter Sport Highlights -Wrestling

## WRESTLING-BOYS

### LEAGUE MEET - VARSITY

### INDIVIDUAL PLACERS:

BOYS' TEAM	WEIGHT CLASS	PLACE	NAME	GRADE
1ST PLACE	106	1ST	John Morrison	9
	113	1ST	Jacob Tangpricha	11
	120	1ST	Bishop Murray	12
	126	1ST	Henri McGivern	10
	132	2ND	Conner Botts	10
	138	1ST	Bowan Murray	12
	145	3RD	Trace Lawler	11
	152	1ST	Nick Vincent	11
	160	2ND	Josh Robinson	10
	170	1ST	Austin Fager	11
	182	1ST	Remington Stiles	12
	195	2ND	Chase Calhoon	9
	220	3RD	Zach Franco	10
	285	2ND	David Huckstep	12

Newcomer of the Year: John Morrison

### REGIONAL MEET - VARSITY

### INDIVIDUAL PLACERS:

BOYS' TEAM	WEIGHT CLASS	PLACE	NAME	GRADE
1ST PLACE	106	2nd	John Morrison	9
	113	1st	Jacob Tangpricha	11
All qualified for Sub-State	120	1st	Bishop Murray	12
	126	2nd	Henri McGivern	10
	138	1st	Bowan Murray	12
	145	3rd	Trace Lawler	11
	152	2nd	Nick Vincent	11
	160	3rd	Aidan Boline	11
	170	1st	Austin Fager	11
	182	1st	Remington Stiles	12
	195	2nd	Chase Calhoon	9
	220	2nd	Zach Franco	10
	285	1st	David Huckstep	12

Regional Co-Wrestlers of the Year: David Huckstep & Bishop Murray

### SUB-STATE - VARSITY

### INDIVIDUAL PLACERS:

BOYS' TEAM	WEIGHT CLASS	PLACE	NAME	GRADE
1ST PLACE	106	2nd	<b>John Morrison</b>	9
	113	1st	<b>Jacob Tangpricha</b>	11
11 Qualified for State Meet	120	1st	<b>Bishop Murray</b>	12
Bolded Names	126	4th	<b>Henri McGivern</b>	10
	138	2nd	<b>Bowan Murray</b>	12
	145	6th	Trace Lawler	11
	152	3rd	<b>Nick Vincent</b>	11
	160	2nd	<b>Aidan Boline</b>	11
	170	1st	<b>Austin Fager</b>	11
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# ◆ Winter Sport Highlights -Wrestling

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BOYS' TEAM		WEIGHT CLASS	PLACE	NAME	GRADE
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6A State Champions		120	1st	Bishop Murray	12
		126	6th	Henri McGivern	10
		138	3rd	Bowan Murray	12
		152	4th	Nick Vincent	11
		160	5th	Aidan Boline	11
		170	2nd	Austin Fager	11
		182	5th	Remington Stiles	12
		220	-	Zach Franco	10
		285	2nd	David Huckstep	12

Assistant Coaches of the Year: 6A  
 Duane Zlatnik, Jordan Short, Chase Prester, and Harry Lamar



## GIRLS WRESTLING

LEAGUE MEET - VARSITY	INDIVIDUAL PLACERS:			
GIRLS' TEAM	WEIGHT CLASS	PLACE	NAME	GRADE
1ST PLACE	101	2nd	Kristen Rezac	9
	109	3rd	Kaitlyn Morris	10
	115	3rd	Kendall Reid	11
	120	1st	Addison Broxterman	10
	126	2nd	Alexis Fredrickson	10
	132	1st	Ellise Romine	12
	138	2nd	Carmen Alston	10
	143	2nd	Laiken Clark	9
	155	1st	Rebekah Smith	12
	170	1st	Jaliah Johnson	11
	191	1st	Dajia Anderson	12
	235	2nd	Sophia Ross	9



# ◆ Winter Sport Highlights -Wrestling

REGIONAL MEET - VARSITY		INDIVIDUAL PLACERS:		
GIRLS' TEAM	WEIGHT CLASS	PLACE	NAME	GRADE
1ST PLACE	101	3rd	Kristen Rezac	9
*All qualified for	109	4th	Kaitlyn Morris	10
Sub-State*	115	2nd	Shayne Miles	11
	120	1st	Addison Broxterman	10
	126	3rd	Alexis Fredrickson	10
	132	3rd	Ellise Romine	12
	138	4th	Carmen Alston	10
	143	2nd	Laiken Clark	9
	155	1st	Rebekah Smith	12
	170	3rd	Jaliah Johnson	11
	191	1st	Dajia Anderson	12
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Bolded Names*	120	2nd	<b>Addison Broxterman</b>	10
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	126	5th	Alexis Fredrickson	10
	132	-	Ellise Romine	12
	155	1st	Rebekah Smith	12
	170	3rd	Jaliah Johnson	11
	191	1st	Dajia Anderson	12

Regional Coach of the Year: Damon Parker

Assistant Coaches of the Year: 6A

Lindsay Parker and Jessie Stonebraker

# ◆ Winter Sport Highlights - Swimming

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## SWIMMING/DIVING-BOYS

CITY MEET	TEAM PLACE	EVENT	PLACE	SWIMMER(S)
1/28/2021	1ST PLACE	200 YD Medley Relay	2nd	Jalen Eilert, Cordell Dimick, Cody Colwell, Sean Carr-Metzger
			3rd	Tate Schoffelman, Jack Banks, Zach Jessop, Nathan Gomez
		200 YD Freestyle	1st	Yeager Larson
			3rd	Brogan Meier
			6th	Sean Carr-Metzger
		200 YD IM	2nd	Jalen Eilert
			3rd	Cordell Dimick
		50 YD Freestyle	1st	Dagen Clouse
			2nd	Keats Larson
			5th	Jack Miranda
		1 Meter Diving	1st	Marquel Russell
			3rd	Rylan Armstrong
		100 YD Butterfly	1st	Nathen Trachta
			2nd	Will Powell
			3rd	Jalen Eilert
		100 YD Freestyle	1st	Dagen Clouse
			2nd	Keats Larson
			3rd	Jack Miranda
		500 YD Freestyle	2nd	Yeager Larson
			4th	Brogan Meier
			5th	Will Powell
		200 YD Freestyle Relay	1st	Nathen Trachta, Yeager Larson, Keats Larson, Dagen Clouse
			4th	Cordell Dimick, Colby Steinman, Brogan Meier, Jack Miranda
		100 YD Backstroke	1st	Nathen Trachta
			3rd	Cody Colwell
			6th	Zach Jessop
		100 YD Breaststroke	1st	Cordell Dimick
			6th	(Tied) Nathan Gomez
		400 YD Freestyle Relay	1st	Nathen Trachta, Yeager Larson, Keats Larson, Dagen Clouse
			2nd	Will Powell, Brogan Meier, Colby Steinman, Jack Miranda
All-CITY	First Team	Dagen Clouse, Cordell Dimick, Jalen Eilert, Keats Larson, Yeager Larson, Brogan Meier, Will Powell, Marquel Russell, Nathen Trachta		

# ◆ Winter Sport Highlights - Swimming

LEAGUE MEET TEAM PLACE	EVENT	PLACE	SWIMMER(S)
1ST PLACE	200 YD Freestyle	2nd	Yeager Larson
	200 YD IM	2nd	Will Powell
	50 YD Freestyle	3rd	Cordell Dimick
	1 Meter Diving	1st	Dagen Clouse
	100 YD Butterfly	2nd	Keats Larson
	100 YD Freestyle	2nd	Marquel Russell
	500 YD Freestyle	1st	Nathen Trachta
	200 YD Freestyle Relay	3rd	Will Powell
Old Record 1:31.55; New 1:31.48	100 YD Backstroke	1st	Dagen Clouse
	100 YD Breaststroke	2nd	Keats Larson
	400 YD Freestyle Relay	2nd	Jack Miranda
		3rd	Yeager Larson
		1st - <b>New Record!</b>	Dagen Clouse, Yeager Larson, Nathen Trachta, Keats Larson
		1st	Nathen Trachta
		2nd	Brogan Meier
		3rd	Cordell Dimick
		1st	Keats Larson, Nathen Trachta, Yeager Larson, Dagen Clouse

All-LEAGUE First Team      Dagen Clouse, Cordell Dimick, Keats Larson, Yeager Larson, Will Powell, Nathen Trachta

All-LEAGUE Second Team      Brogan Meier, Marquel Russell



# ◆ Winter Sport Highlights - Swimming

STATE	TEAM PLACE	EVENT	PLACE	SWIMMER(S)
2/19/2021	12th	200 YD Medley Relay	18th	Brogan Meier, Cordell Dimick, Will Powell, Jack Miranda
		50 YD Freestyle	6th	Dagen Clouse
		1 Meter Diving	18th	Keats Larson
		100 YD Butterfly	13th	Marquel Russell
		100 YD Freestyle	14th	Nathen Trachta
			11th	Keats Larson
			12th	Dagen Clouse
		500 YD Freestyle	12th	Jack Miranda
			13th	Yeager Larson
		200 YD Freestyle Relay	7th	Dagen Clouse, Yeager Larson, Nathen Trachta, Keats Larson
		100 YD Backstroke	11th	Nathen Trachta
		400 YD Freestyle Relay	11th	Keats Larson, Nathen Trachta, Yeager Larson, Dagen Clouse

# ◆ Winter Sport Highlights - Bowling

## BOWLING Varsity League Meet INDIVIDUAL PLACERS:

2/17/2021 Varsity Girls' Team

2nd Place	GRADE	NAME	PLACE
	12	Hanna Casto	2nd
	10	Amaya Buchanan	5th
	11	Kaitlyn Doyal	9th
	12	Logan Wiesendanger	12th

Varsity Boys' Team INDIVIDUAL PLACERS:

2nd Place	GRADE	NAME	PLACE
	12	Jacob Morgan	5th
	10	Josh Hammons	7th
	11	Matthew Hartter	11th
	12	Sam Shonka	13th
	10	Geo Itzep	17th

Regional Meet

Varsity Girls' Team INDIVIDUAL PLACERS:

2/26/2021

1st Place	GRADE	NAME	PLACE
	12	Hanna Casto	1st
	9	Claire Ireland	2nd
	11	Kaitlyn Doyal	3rd
	12	Logan Wiesendanger	8th

Varsity Boys' Team INDIVIDUAL PLACERS:

1st Place	GRADE	NAME	PLACE
	12	Cale Marsh	3rd
	10	Josh Hammons	10th
	12	Jacob Morgan	12th
	11	Matthew Hartter	13th
	10	Geo Iztep	14th

State Meet

Varsity Girls' Team INDIVIDUAL PLACERS:

3/5/2021

3rd Place	GRADE	NAME	PLACE
	11	Kaitlyn Doyal	7th
	12	Hanna Casto	9th
	10	Callie Hart	16th
	10	Amaya Buchanan	17th

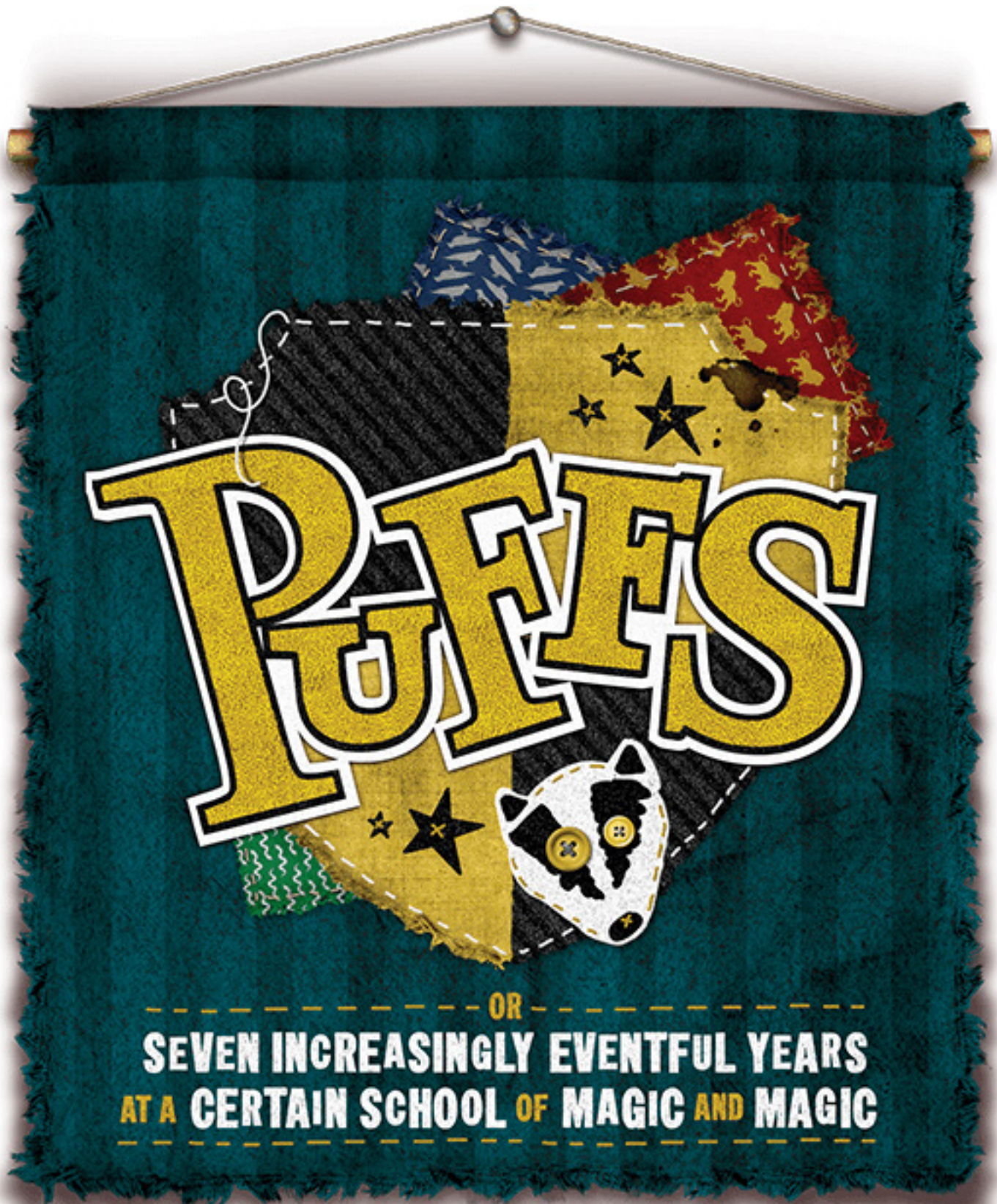
Varsity Boys' Team INDIVIDUAL PLACERS:

4th Place	GRADE	NAME	PLACE
	11	Matthew Hartter	6th
	12	Jacob Morgan	12th
	10	Geo Iztep	14th
	12	Cale Marsh	19th

# ◆ Theatre Department

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WRHS Theatre presents its final show of the 2020-2021 season!



**WRHS Theatre presents its final show of the 2020-2021 season!**

**Performances: April 15, 16, and 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm (CST)**

PUFFS, Or: Seven Increasingly Eventful Years At A Certain School of Magic and Magic

By Matt Cox

Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., a Concord Theatricals Company

*"If you haven't seen Puffs, I need you to go buy a ticket immediately. I can promise you won't regret it." - Mugglenet.com*

Maturity: This comedy is recommended for audiences aged 14 and older.

Tickets: Live-stream and in-person both available! More information at:

<https://warutheatre.org/spring-play>

DIRECTOR: Maeghan Bishop

TECHNICAL DIRECTION/DESIGN: Rob Owens

COSTUME SUPERVISOR: Linnea Hoyos

## **Cast List**

Aidan Kent	- Wayne Hopkins
Griffin Reiff	- Oliver Rivers
Tirzah Widman	- Megan Jones
Lily Czechanski	- Narrator
Christian Ryan	- Cedric/Mr. Voldy/Very Tall Man
Ronald Simmons	- Ernie Mac/Fat Friar/Ghost HistoryTeach/Viktor
Raegan Jacobs	- Hannah/Professor Sproutty
Calvin Schenk	- J. Finch Fletchley/Uncle Dave/Zach Smith/Sal
Taylor Moore	- Leanne/Frenchy
Jillian Drummond	- Sally Perks/Hermeoone/Rita Scooter
Mackenzie Smith	- Susie Bones/Professor Lanny/Ms. Babble/Runes Teach/Myrtle
Casey Schenk	- Potions Teacher/Professor Locky/Second Headmaster/Real Mr. Moody
Rylie Swedlund	- Professor McG/Hermeoone #2/Xavia Jones
Noah Hart	- First Headmaster/Clumsy Longbottom/Mr. Bagman
Elizabeth Fawl	- Ginny/Helga/Seamus/Hermeoone #3/Mr. Nick
Madison Torrez	- Goyle/Professor Turban/Rowena/Bippy/Blondo Malfoy/Dragon
Max DiGiovanni	- Harry/Colin

# SOURCES OF STRENGTH



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# SOURCES OF STRENGTH

Research has shown that long-term relational support is very effective in preventing young adults from becoming suicidal or acting on suicidal feelings and impulses. It is essential for adults working with students and young adults to develop caring relationships with them, especially those who report low levels of trust toward adults or have few connections to supportive adult relationships. As we move into this campaign, the students will reflect on whom they feel their trusted adult is in the building. Then they will make a custom trusted adult button to give to that person, to demonstrate their importance and value in the student's life, and that the adult is somebody to whom they and other students can turn when they have a problem.

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## WHAT HELPS US CAMPAIGN

This campaign focuses on people's personal stories of what strengths help them when dealing with the big three emotions – anger, anxiety/worry, and depression or feeling sad or down. Everyone struggles with at least one of these emotions. This campaign is about identifying which emotions you wrestle with the most and which strengths help you through it.

As we moved into 1st semester, students posted on our social media about what has helped them get through difficult times. Students also worked together to create positive quotes to put on the bathroom mirrors. Students came up with ways to make a difference., such as a Spotify playlist with feel-good tunes.



## TRUSTED ADULT CAMPAIGN



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# ◆ Career and Technical Education

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# Junior Achievement®

## Junior Achievement of Kansas Virtual Career Fair

[Junior Achievement of Kansas Virtual Career Fair](#) is offering students a way to explore careers and learn about businesses in the Topeka area. Students may [register](#) for a login to the virtual event which is open March 1 through May 29. Features include an Exhibit Hall with 28 booths hosted by local businesses and colleges. Each exhibitor offers videos and/or documents about their business, including career pathways and current position openings. The Auditorium offers webinars on a variety of career search topics, including “[Business Perspectives](#)” presented by 2021 JA Dallas Business Hall of Fame Laurate, Mark Cuban.

There’s also a Video Vault and a Resource Room where you can select documents and videos to add to your swag bag for reading or viewing later.

In addition to the Virtual Career Fair, **JA Personal Finance Videos** highlighting five financial topics presented by speakers from the business community are available to teachers to use in the classroom. The topics and speakers include:

**Earning, Employment & Income:** John Imming, VP of Wealth Management, Advisors Excel

**Budgeting:** Tara Scott, CoreFirst Bank and Trust, United Way of Greater Topeka Financial Stability Council

**Savings:** Clint Patty, JD, Managing Partner, Clayton Wealth Partners

**Credit & Debt:** Doug Wolff, President, Security Benefit

**Consumer Protection:** Dr. David Sollars, Dean, Washburn University School of Business

Parents are welcome to attend!

## CTE Website

The new CTE website launched on March 1. Our goal is to provide a resource that will help students identify career paths in which they are interested and then narrow their focus to create a plan for what education or training they need after high school. CTE offers real world skills through projects inside and outside the classroom. CTE also offers pathways into college and careers through college credits, internships, job shadowing and networking opportunities.

Visit [wrhs.net/cte](http://wrhs.net/cte) today to learn more about Career Technical Education@WRHS. New content featuring student videos will be added soon!

## Egg Car” Crash Simulation

Students in Mr. Gerlach’s Robotics & Engineering Drawing class designed a car with a safety device in hopes of keeping their egg passengers safe during a simulated crash. An example of project-based learning used in many CTE courses, building and testing the egg car emphasized teamwork and design. Students followed a series of steps similar to what a team of engineers would use to solve real-world problems. They worked together to brainstorm new ideas, apply science and math concepts, test prototypes and analyze data. Watch the video at [wrhs.net/cte](http://wrhs.net/cte)

# ◆ Career and Technical Education



## WORK-BASED LEARNING

### Work Based Learning

Work-Based Learning (WBL) includes a continuum of career awareness, career exploration and career preparation activities. Career awareness begins in the classroom with guest speakers and both in-person and virtual career fairs and field trips. Career exploration includes job shadow experiences, mock interviews, and being paired with a career mentor. Career preparation is offered through a school-based entity or an off-site work experience, paid or unpaid. Washburn Rural High School businesses include Common Grounds coffee house, The Shack spirit apparel store, and WRHS Bank. Combined with an individual student's career goals, structured learning and authentic work experiences are implemented through an agreement with a business who chooses to be a community partner. Work Based Learning allows students the opportunity to self-evaluate and be evaluated by an industry professional on their knowledge and skills.

The following Career Pathways offer a Work Based Learning opportunity for students:

Animal Science; Comprehensive Agricultural Science; Power, Structural, and Technical Systems; Finance; Marketing; Digital Media; Teaching and Training; Construction and Design; Biochemistry; Biomedical; Health Science and Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

Students who are interested in Work Based Learning should contact Mrs. Golden by email at [goldeter@usd437.net](mailto:goldeter@usd437.net).



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### School Spirit Loyalty Program

### Jr. Blues School Spirit Debit Cards - Start earning money for your school!

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How to get a Jr. Blues Spirit Card: Get your Jr. Blues School Spirit Debit Card by opening a checking account at Silver Lake Bank.

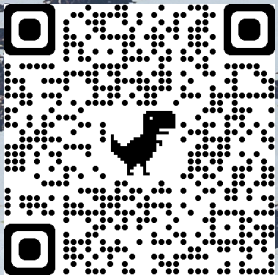
How to earn \$ for your school: The Jr. Blues School Spirit

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**For 1 ticket entry:** Deodorant, Shampoo,  
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**For 3 entries:** Female Hygiene Products

**Bring donations to The Shack during lunch  
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# Media Center

## Kansas State Library of Kansas Digital Resources

State Library of Kansas

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Includes extensive, up-to-date articles; videos; interactive games; science projects; and much more!



Science news written especially for students. Perfect for research, ideas for reports and learning what's happening in science today. Filled with interviews with real scientists and much more!

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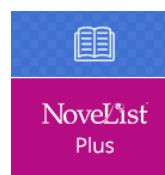
Animated storybooks paired with a nonfiction eBook and games to check understanding

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### Parent & Educator Resources



The Mailbox School & District is a teacher-created, editor-reviewed resource in print and online. Resources include worksheets, crafts, forms, songs, games, graphic organizers, patterns, clip art, cards and more for pre-kindergarten to grade 6.



Online database for reading recommendations, reviews, articles, lists and more.

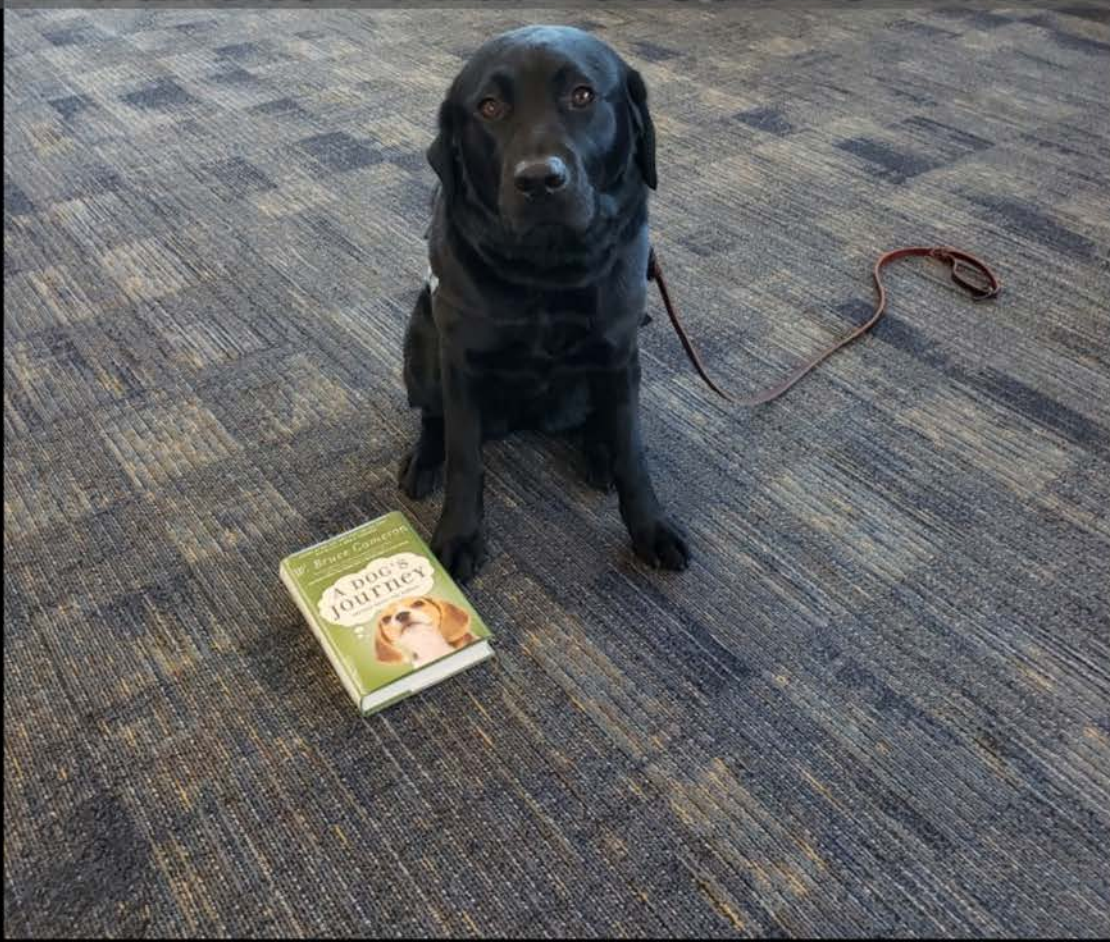


The World Almanac for Kids  
The World Almanac Elementary  
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# WE ARE READERS

## Stash

**"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." Groucho Marx**



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# Which Chromebook is MINE?

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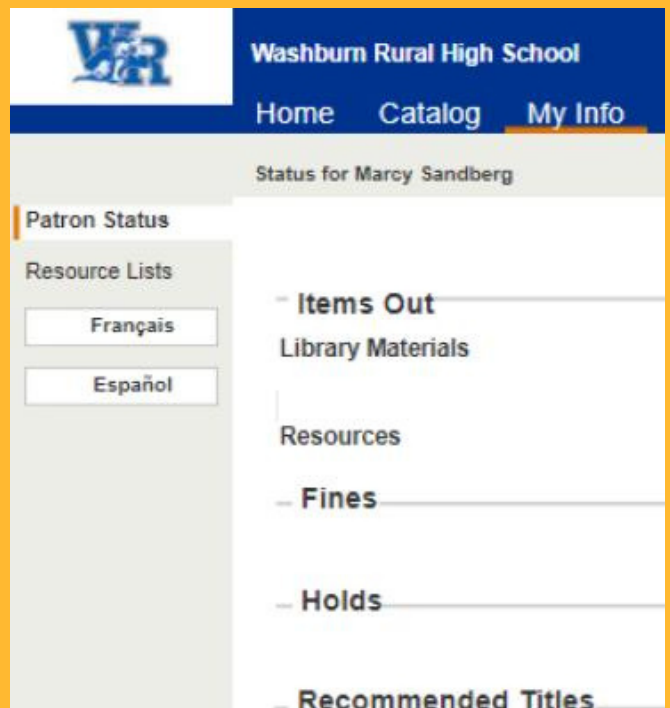
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# WRHS PTO/BLUES BACKERS

2020-2021

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## WHO ARE WE?

- ❖ PTO/BLUES BACKERS ARE PARENTS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND TEACHERS WHO TAKE PRIDE IN WRHS BY HELPING TO FUND THE NEEDS OF OUR SCHOOL.

## HOW TO SUPPORT WRHS & BECOME INVOLVED?

- ❖ MEMBERSHIP DUES SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS BY FUNDING TEACHER AND SPONSOR REQUESTS.
- ❖ SUPPORTERS' NAMES WILL BE LISTED IN THE WRHS NEWSLETTER AND ON THE BLUES BACKERS/PTO PAGE! BECOME A MEMBER TODAY AT:

[HTTPS://USD437.NET/SCHOOLS/WRHS/PTO/MEMBERSHIP-FORM.HTML](https://USD437.NET/SCHOOLS/WRHS/PTO/MEMBERSHIP-FORM.HTML)

### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP - \$10/FAMILY

BLUES MEMBERSHIP - \$25/FAMILY

BACKER MEMBERSHIP - \$50/FAMILY

- ❖ **VOLUNTEER** - ON-GOING AND ONE-TIME OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED!! VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN A VARIETY OF AREAS!
  - ❖ ORGANIZE CONCESSIONS
  - ❖ APPRECIATE SCHOOL STAFF
  - ❖ POST-PROM
  - ❖ HOSPITALITY
- **ATTEND PTO MEETINGS** - MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. LEARN MORE AT:

[HTTP://USD437.NET/SCHOOLS/WRHS/PTO/](http://USD437.NET/SCHOOLS/WRHS/PTO/)

## We have several board positions available for the 2021-2022 school year.

Contact a current member or attend the next meeting on  
April 14 if you are interested.



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### **CURRENT BLUES BACKERS:**

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Jen and Todd VandeVelde  
Chantelle Haas

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Support your student and school  
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You can browse items available for sale through our WRHS student store, The Shack.

<https://ruralspirit.square.site/pto>

Contact our Merchandise Co-Chairs for more information.

PTO and the Blues Backers would like to recognize all the seniors that participated in winter activities. We are BACKING you and we are PROUD of you!

# 2021 SENIORS

**BOYS' BASKETBALL SENIORS**  
Joe Berry  
Davan Brady  
Nick Brady  
Jack Hutchinson  
Tanner Morrow  
Brady Patterson  
Joshua Williams  
Manager - Jacelyn Ketter  
Manager - Ava Tanking

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL SENIORS**  
Clara Salmans  
Manager - Austin Weast

**DANCE SENIORS**  
Savannah Crittenden  
Maggie Decker  
Arwen Gleason  
Delainey Godby  
Brooke Medley

**CHEER SENIORS**  
Ellie Armstrong  
Grace Haines  
Kaitlyn Hammons  
Faith Holthaus  
Caitlynn Manthe  
Daymon Mays  
Olivia Wiksten  
Karley Zimmerman

**PEP BAND "A" SENIORS**  
Parker Blackinton  
Mikki Fender  
Aidan Ives  
Allison Knudtson  
Shaina Krainbill  
Yair Saucedo  
Kayla Schinkel  
Emily Scott  
Killian Vincent  
Logan Wiesendanger  
Christian Robinson  
Ethan VanSickle

**JROTC SENIORS**  
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Ashton Cooper  
Isaiah Dailey  
Winter Doud  
Justin Jackson  
Gunner Lewis  
Andrew Love  
Kassidy Patrick  
James Robert  
Remington Stiles  
Ricky Velazquez  
Dalton Weigant

**BOYS' SWIM & DIVE SENIORS (RECOGNIZED 2/5)**  
Nathan Gomez  
Zachary Jessop  
Keats Larson  
Yeager Larson  
Augie Meier  
Marquel Russell  
Tate Schoffelman

**PEP BAND "B" SENIORS (RECOGNIZED 2/23)**  
Kendall Broadus  
Nicholas Coen  
Jillian Drummond  
Elizabeth Fawl  
Mikki Fender  
Ashlyn Fewell  
Ethan Lane  
Jessica McIntosh  
Mark McKinley  
Austin Menge  
Megan Miller  
Christopher Reyes-Gonzales  
Clara Salmans

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Hannah Casto  
Colby Dittman  
Cale Marsh  
Jacob Morgan  
Samuel Shonka  
Logan Wiesendanger

**WRESTLING SENIORS (RECOGNIZED 2/15)**  
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David Huckstep  
Carson Ingold  
Bishop Murray  
Bowen Murray  
Zachary Runau  
Remington Stiles  
Michael Vorster  
TJ Wilburn  
Girls  
Dajia Anderson  
Jordan Elliott  
Ashlyn Fewell  
Etta Hall  
Tressa Henry  
Kelly Mercer  
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Trisha Sheth  
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