



Junior Blues News



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Featured Story



Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

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,

For many 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. 15.6% of all unemployment recipients have not completed their high school education. Sadly, by the end of this day, 7,000 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.

Education Level	Lifetime Weeks Worked	2021 Weekly Wage (Median)*	Estimated Lifetime Earnings
Less than a high school diploma	2080	\$626	\$1,302,080
High School Graduate	2080	\$809	\$1,682,720
Some College - No Degree	2080	\$899	\$1,869,920
Bachelor's Degree	2080	\$1,334	\$2,774,720
Professional Degree	2080	\$1,924	\$4,001,920

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021

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 1.5 million dollars over a 40-year career. That is \$36,816 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.

We have instituted programming that is designed to achieve this end. We have a “freshman only” orientation day at the start of the school year. We implemented Advisory Periods 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.

For example, our Construction Science program provides 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 award-winning coffee shop, "Common Grounds," is a student-run enterprise that equips students to manage their own businesses. From the "point of sale" system used to manage purchases, to the advertising and marketing of its products, all aspects of the operation are determined by our students.

Furthermore, the passage of our bond issue last year will provide students with expanded opportunities in the study of Career and Technical Education. Our new Innovation Center will be home to our career pathways in Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources; Architecture & Construction; Arts, A/V & Communication; Hospitality & Tourism, and; Information Technology. The facilities will be flexible in design in order to promote the collaborative and creative processes found in today's work environments.

Finally, we are thrilled to host the International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement Programs at Washburn Rural High School. For students seeking challenge, these rigorous options provide students with outstanding preparation for life after high school.

Whatever the future holds, rest assured that the staff at WRHS is committed to providing your child with an exceptional educational experience. Let us know how we can help!

Best,



Ed Raines, Principal
rainedw@usd437.net



◆ WRHS Counseling Office

[Counseling Website](#)

Twitter Updates: [@wrhsgo](#)

Crisis Hotline: 785-232-5005 or 988

[Counseling Department Staff](#)

College Entrance Exams

Many stories have been published in recent months regarding the use of the ACT or SAT in college admissions. Both the ACT and SAT are admission exams; students in Kansas tend to take the ACT but both are accepted wherever admission exams are required.

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 cancellation of exams, the majority of US universities have decided to not require ACT or SAT scores for admission for the Class of 2024; this includes Kansas universities.

While the ACT or SAT score may not be needed to be admitted, the exam results remain a crucial factor in awarding scholarships at many public universities. In Kansas, the ACT or SAT was not required for scholarship at KU or Washburn for the Class of 2023. The other state colleges required an ACT or SAT score to award scholarships for the Class of 2023; we do not know yet if those policies will change for the Class of 2024. We encourage students to research their potential college options and decide whether taking or retaking the ACT or SAT is needed.

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>

Wichita State: <https://www.wichita.edu/services/registrar/priorlearning/AdvancedPlacement.php>
<https://www.wichita.edu/services/registrar/priorlearning/InternationalBaccalaureate.php>

Summer Programs and Volunteer Opportunities: The WRHS counseling office publishes a [summer program](#) and [volunteer opportunity](#) resource document. We encourage families to explore these resources. If you have additional programs and volunteer resources, please contact fredema1@usd437.net.

Schedules: The pre-enrollment for the 2023-24 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](https://www.fastweb.com/student-life/articles/the-20-study-tips-for-finals) 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>

Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ

what to expect when you call

The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (Lifeline) is a national network of local crisis centers. This document will help you navigate your first time calling Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ (KSPHQ) which is part of the Lifeline. KSPHQ answers the hotline for all 105 counties in Kansas. If KSPHQ counselors are unable to answer due to high call volume, calls are routed to the next nearest call center.

Who Can Call?

The Lifeline is a resource for anyone who is looking for emotional support. This includes all ages, gender identities, sexual orientation, race & ethnicity, religion, socio-economic status, etc. You do not have to be suicidal to call the Lifeline.

Who Will I Talk To?

The counselors at KSPHQ are highly trained in evidence-informed counseling for suicide risk and other mental health concerns. Many counselors who answer the hotline have their own experiences related to mental health or suicide and genuinely want to support those who are struggling.

When Can I Call?

You can call the NSPL for any reason at any time. Help is available 24/7 & 365 days a year. Counselors talk to people who need to vent, had a bad day, need emotional support, are worried about a loved one, or who may be thinking about suicide.

How Does It Help Me?

Counselors on the Lifeline are not advised to tell callers what they should or should not do about any specific situation. The role of crisis counselors is to provide unbiased, compassionate support for callers. In emergency situations, or when talking with youth, counselors may make suggestions for safety.

Is It Free & Confidential?

Yes. The hotline services are free and confidential - you can share as much or as little information as you wish. In some cases, when it comes to immediate safety or imminent danger, the counselor may need to break confidentiality in order to connect emergency services to a person who is at risk.



Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ

→ **785-841-2345**

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

→ **9-8-8**



Washburn Rural High School

Care Closet

Reach out to your counselor if you need help with any of the following:



Coats, Shoes, or Formal Outfits



Personal Hygiene Products like deodorant or feminine products



Food supplies



Costs for Exams like PSAT or ACT



Free & Reduced Lunch forms



Any other hardship that you might need support.

Contact Your Counselor:



Sources Of Strength

What better way to finish the 3rd quarter than by celebrating, our facility dog and one of our favorite Sources of Strength members, Sugar's Birthday!

She has provided so much happiness and love to our Sources of Strength group and school, and we are beyond grateful for everything she has done at WRHS. Also, shout out to all the people who helped put together a fun birthday celebration for her.

We hope spring break provided the opportunity for everyone to engage with the strengths we all have, and provides a fresh start as we head into the 4th quarter.



Follow Us @WRHS_Sources

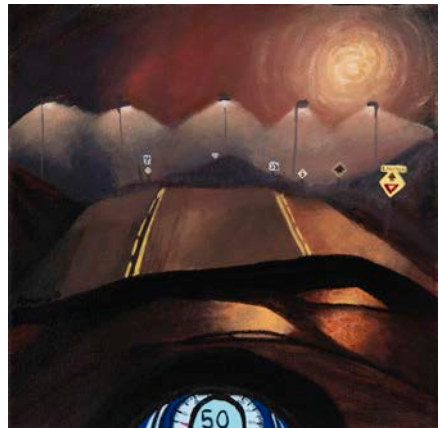


◆ WRHS Art Department

Seventeen students at WRHS recently participated in our annual late night lock-in at the Stephen Smith Gallery here in Topeka. The event consisted of a night of painting, pizza and fellowship. Each student created two paintings inspired by the show theme, "Transitions: Point A to Point B." The students' work was exhibited during the month of March at the Stephen Smith Gallery.

Stephen Smith Gallery

931 S Kansas Ave
Topeka, KS 66612



◆ WRHS Art Department

The WRHS Art Department is excited to announce that freshman Kaya Hamilton, received a National Gold Medal at this year's National Scholastic Art Show in New York. She was one of only five artists in the state of Kansas this year to receive this award! WRHS has had only 10 students in the last 15 years receive recognition at the national level. Senior Lee Wolgast received a National Silver Medal last year.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and present their remarkable work to the world through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. The awards give students opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships. In 2022, students across the United States and Canada entered more than 260,000 original works in 28 different categories of art and writing.



Kaya Hamilton
"Untitled"
NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL
2023
(Painting)



Lee Wolgast
"Alligator Strait"
NATIONAL SILVER
MEDAL 2022
(Drawing & Illustration)

◆ Boys & Girls Basketball Season Highlights

The varsity boys basketball team finished the season as Centennial League champs with a 7-2 record in league play and an overall record of 15-6. The JV team finished with a 9-7 record, going 6-2 in league play, and the Freshman team finished 14-3 and a perfect 8-0 in league.

Individual Honors:

Jack Bachelor (Sr.)

- Centennial League Player of the Year
- 1st Team All-Centennial League
- 1st Team All-Shawnee County
- Sports in Kansas 6A Player of the Year Finalist

Wyatt Conklin (Sr.)

- 2nd Team All-Centennial League
- 2nd Team All-Shawnee County

Amare Jones (So.)

- 2nd Team All-Centennial League
- 2nd Team All-Shawnee County

Kaden Ballard (So.)

- Honorable Mention All-Centennial League
- Honorable Mention All-Shawnee County



The Washburn Rural Girls Varsity Basketball team had big shoes to fill this year as they defended their 6A State Championship title from last year's season. While the season got off to a slow start at the Hays Tournament (1-2) the Lady Blues turned it around, winning six games in a row before the midseason tournament. The Lady Blues went to Shawnee Heights for the midseason tournament and finished 2-1. The rest of the season games had the Lady Blues going into sub-state with a record of 14-5. Defeating Manhattan at home 43-30

to advance to the Sub-State Championship game, where they defeated Topeka High at the dungeon 45-29. The girls faced Lawrence High School in round one of the KSHSAA 6A State Tournament and advanced to play Blue Valley High in the second round. After fighting through the first two rounds, the Lady Blues made it to the Championship game. They started off strong against Blue Valley North but fell short by one point. Washburn Rural girls basketball ended the season as the 6A State Runner Ups. The girls improved significantly over the season. We had three returning seniors and one junior with significant varsity experience going into the year. Our younger players stepped up and did a great job taking on major roles and responsibilities. Many of our players ended the season with awards, representing Washburn Rural Girls Basketball well.

◆ Bowling Season Highlights

State Team Highlights - Girls:

Claire Ireland: 1st place at league, 5th at regionals, 11th at state, 1st team all-city, Gabby Martinez: 6th place at league, 2nd team all-city, Ashley Billups: 2nd team all-city, Elizabeth Poling: 2nd team all-city, Taylin Sakers: honorable mention all-city, and Hailey Beyer: honorable mention all-city.

League: Junction City was in 1st place after the ten pin games by 92 pins. WR came storming back with a 735 score in baker to JC's 590 to take the League Title by 53 pins with a score of 2852.

Regionals: WR was sitting in 4th place after the ten pin games and two other teams within 12 pins of our score. They bowled a 798 in baker with the closest behind them was a 645, Olathe Northwest. The amazing score in baker propelled them to a final tie score with Olathe Northwest of 2842. According to the tie breaker rule and how it is written, they finished the day in 2nd place trophy wise, but what a great accomplishment for the day!

State: They bowled their best ten pin of the year at state with a 2222, which had us in fourth place at the moment. In baker we couldn't quite string together the strikes as frequently as they would have wanted to and had a 652 baker score. This allowed them to finish with a 6th place finish at state.



State Team Highlights - Boys:

Josh Hammons: 2nd at regionals, 4th at state, 1st team all city, Geo Peoples: 3rd at league, 1st team all city Walker Thompson: 11th at state, 1st team all city, Reece Godby: 2nd team all city, Logan Glinka: 9th at regionals, 7th at state, 1st team all city, selected a Rising Star Award winner, and Tyler Faurot: 2nd team all city.

League: The boys were in 1st after the ten pin by 48 pins over Manhattan. Baker was next and the guys had a score total of 813 to win 1st place with a 3432 final score over Manhattan. Next up was regionals. Our guys had bowled a 2595 to be in 2nd place after ten pin, behind Olathe Northwest. In baker, our men bowled a 831 which kept them in second place behind Olathe Northwest.

State - They bowled a 2731 in ten pin, putting them 11 pins ahead of 2nd place. An explosion occurred in our baker..... our men scored a 980 in baker to give us a total of 3711. We finished 135 pins ahead of second place, beating Olathe Northwest! What an amazing finish for the first ever 1st PLACE AT STATE IN BOWLING!

In the U.S. High School Bowling Foundation for the state of Kansas our boys set the BAKER HIGH 4-GAME SERIES: 980. Our boys also have the highest 6A score for state with a final score of 3711 and from the records we have seen, they have the second highest score of 3711, only behind Kapaun Mt. Carmel who had a score of 3769 in 2021 for the 3-regular + 4-baker games.

◆ Career and Technical Education

CTE Month

In celebration of CTE Month® in February, students were asked to visit the CTE website at WRHS.net/cte and answer a few questions about CTE with the chance to win prizes. The following students were randomly selected from those who participated: **Maddie Carter, Lauren Ensley, Ainsley Wells, Aayla Briggs, and Taygen Jensen**. Thank you for visiting the CTE website and participating in CTE Month!

If you'd like more information about CTE classes, Workplace Experience, or earning college credits through Excel in CTE, please email Mrs. Golden (goldeter@usd437.net) or stop by Room F2425.

CTE Showcase

To ensure our CTE programs are aligning with current occupational needs, CTE educators seek advice from business and industry. Each pathway has a local Advisory Committee made up of persons who work in professions that fall within their pathway. The Advisory Committees meet twice a year and offer their expertise and suggestions on maintaining a pathway that will best prepare students for education, training, and careers after graduation.

The spring meeting is held in conjunction with the CTE Showcase. The showcase includes a browsing fair of projects on display hosted by students from each pathway, allowing committee members to interact with students. There is a short program hosted by National Technical Honor Society officers featuring updates across all Pathways.



Students, staff, and community partners participated in the 2023 CTE Showcase.

◆ Career and Technical Education

Pathway Updates

Restaurant & Event Management

Restaurant & Event Management is the newest Pathway at WRHS. It provides opportunities for students to explore careers in culinary arts and event management.

Ms. Dible used the ServSafe handbook to create a practice food safety exam for students in Culinary Essentials 1 classes. The students pictured scored 90 or above on the exam. Students in Culinary Essentials 2 will take the official ServSafe Food Handler exam later this spring.



Culinary Arts I students with their certificate of achievement in safe food handling.

Health & Bioscience Cluster

HOSA Future Health Professionals is a WRHS club that promotes careers in the health industry. In addition to guest speakers, HOSA members visited Washburn University on March 2 for Health Care Exploration Day. They toured seven different healthcare program labs on the Washburn campus and learned about program costs and occupation demand.



HOSA members at Washburn University Health Care Exploration Day

◆ Career and Technical Education

Programming & Software Development



Haley Schmitz and seven students visited Chocolatey Software in Topeka. *“Chocolatey offers a universal package manager for Windows to help their customers become efficient and innovative software-driven organizations.”*

We are pleased to have Rob and Brandi Reynolds of Chocolatey join the advisory committee for the Programming & Software Development pathway.

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Cluster

Students in the FFA Club have participated in a number of competitions this spring. Career and Leadership Development Events develop college and career readiness skills. The competitive events serve as an outgrowth of instruction from the classroom.



Marketing

Every year in March, Common Grounds partners up with DECA to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation. Students support MDA by donating a dollar to purchase a shamrock. The members of the class that donates the most wins a free lemonade!



WRHS

**COMPUTER SCIENCE
HONOR SOCIETY PRESENTS**

FUNDRAISER

BINARY BINGO NIGHT

RAFFLE & PRIZES

**APRIL 20, 2023
CHECK IN AT 5:30
WRHS CAFETERIA**

WRHS.NET/CSHS

**NO BINARY OR BINGO
EXPERIENCE
REQUIRED**

**SCAN
ME**



**SCAN THE QR CODE
FOR MORE DETAILS
AND TO SIGN UP**

EMAIL [SCHMIHAL@USD437.NET](mailto:schmihal@usd437.net) IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

WRHS

COMPUTER SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY PRESENTS
SUMMER CODING CAMPS

GRADES K-2
JUNE 12-15
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Students will learn the basics of computer science, participate in hands-on projects, use the Sphero Bolts and Edison Robots, discuss why technology is important, learn the difference between hardware and software, and more!

Early Registration - \$55 by April 30
Registration Cost - \$65 after April 30

GRADES 3-6
JUNE 12-15
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Students will be introduced to some basic computer science history, use block-based programming in Scratch to recreate popular games, learn how to use the Sphero Bolts to solve basic mazes, learn the Python programming basics, create their first coding project, and more!

Early Registration - \$55 by April 30
Registration Cost - \$65 after April 30

GRADES 7-9
JUNE 19-22
8:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Students will discuss the basic needs to run and create programs, learn the basics of HTML, learn the basics of programming in Python and JavaScript, making projects and solving problems using code, understand and learn how to use IDEs, and more!

Early Registration - \$55 by April 30
Registration Cost - \$65 after April 30



**REGISTER
NOW**

WRHS.NET/CSHS

EMAIL SCHMIHAL@USD437.NET IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

◆ Career and Technical Education



Sponsored by Silver Lake Bank



Congratulations to our newest Jr. Blue Crew winners!
-\$10.00 Subway Gift Card - Geoffrey Bengel
-\$15.00 Sonic Gift Card - Dylan Dodge
-\$10.00 Common Grounds Gift Card - Ronald Daniels

If a high school freshman put just \$7 into an account at WRHS Bank for every month for an entire school year, they would have invested \$63 into a bank account. If they were to keep this up for 4 years (freshman-senior), they would have saved \$252 into their bank account. With interest, their account balance would be \$343.24 for just depositing \$7 a month.

On top of this, students are also eligible for monthly prizes, such as gift cards or free deposits. They are also eligible for a \$500 grand prize drawing in May. To be eligible, students must deposit \$7 every month from August to May. For more information stop by the WRHS Bank during lunch or contact bank sponsor, Mr. McFall.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Hi! My name is Lily MacDonald, and this is my second year in the WRHS Bank. Next year, I plan to attend Kansas State University and major in finance. My favorite part of working at the bank has been selling dance tickets and trying to read everyone's handwriting. My best piece of financial advice is to not spend all of your money on cookie shack cookies!



My name is Abhinav Velagandula and I joined the Bank this year. My favorite part is being on the computer and solving any errors we have when balancing. I plan on going to college to get a finance degree and a MBA later on. My best financial advice is to not reach the maximum limit on your credit card.



Everytime you use your WRHS tumbler or mug, get \$1 off any drink!

STOCK UP FOR SPRING



SHOP NOW

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2023 WRHS YEARBOOK

Name: _____

Grade: 9 10 11 12

Yearbook Prices: \$55.00

\$75 for available extra copies at 2024 enrollment

Name to appear on the cover (optional): \$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

Plastic Cover: \$2.00

Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to WRHS YEARBOOK

Check # _____

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**Mail Order form & Payment to: WRHS Yearbook
5900 SW 61st Street, Topeka, KS 66619**

OR ORDER ONLINE!

www.yearbookordercenter.com

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2023 Yearbook

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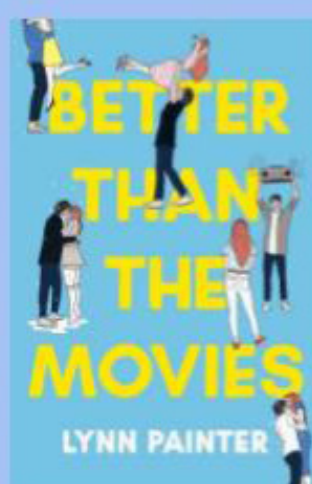
Mrs. Finney's Monthly YA Book Recommendation April 2023



Pumpkin'
By Julie Murphy
F MUR

Technically Book 3 in the “Dumplin’” series, but can be read as a stand alone novel, Pumpkin tells the story of Waylon who gets nominated for Prom Queen by a local school bully. Instead of hiding from the judgement, Waylon decides to embrace the nomination and end his senior year in a fabulous way!

Similar Titles Include:



Washburn Rural High School Free Choice Quarterly Reading Challenge

March 21 - May 17, 2023



4th Quarterly Goal: Students and staff of WRHS will read **100,000 pages** during the 4th quarter! (That's little more than 100 pages per person.)

- 1st Quarter - 63,684 pages read
- 2nd Quarter - 56,281 pages read
- 3rd Quarter - 72,555 pages read
- 4th Quarter -

Why participate?

- Because reading books offers an opportunity to relax, learn, and escape the real world (Wilkinson),
- Because the top participants who read the most pages will receive prizes!
- Because students who read more, understand more, and are more likely to continue reading when they have the opportunity to choose what they read (Allington).

Record what you've read to win individual prizes and be part of the winning advisory group!

1st Quarter Students Read 42,724 pages 2nd Quarter Students Read 33,616 pages 3rd Quarter Students Read 35,295 pages	1st Quarter Staff Read 20,960 pages 2nd Quarter Staff Read 24,688 pages 3rd Quarter Staff Read 37,260 pages
Students , record reading on this form after you finish a book: bit.ly/3lmXfg5	Staff , record reading on this form after you finish a book: bit.ly/3ZOM7mQ
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ E-books & Audiobooks - actual pages of book will be identified from goodreads.com→ Graphic Novels: report number of pages but it will be counted as 1/2 the amount of pages→ Magazines: record the number of primarily text based pages read	

Not sure what to read next?

Complete the Google Form linked below via the QR code or bit.ly address to receive personalized reading recommendations via email from your librarians! :)



<https://bit.ly/3ve7jZM>

Connect with us @wrhslib for:

- technology support
- homework help
- reading recommendations
- area job openings
- school activities and more

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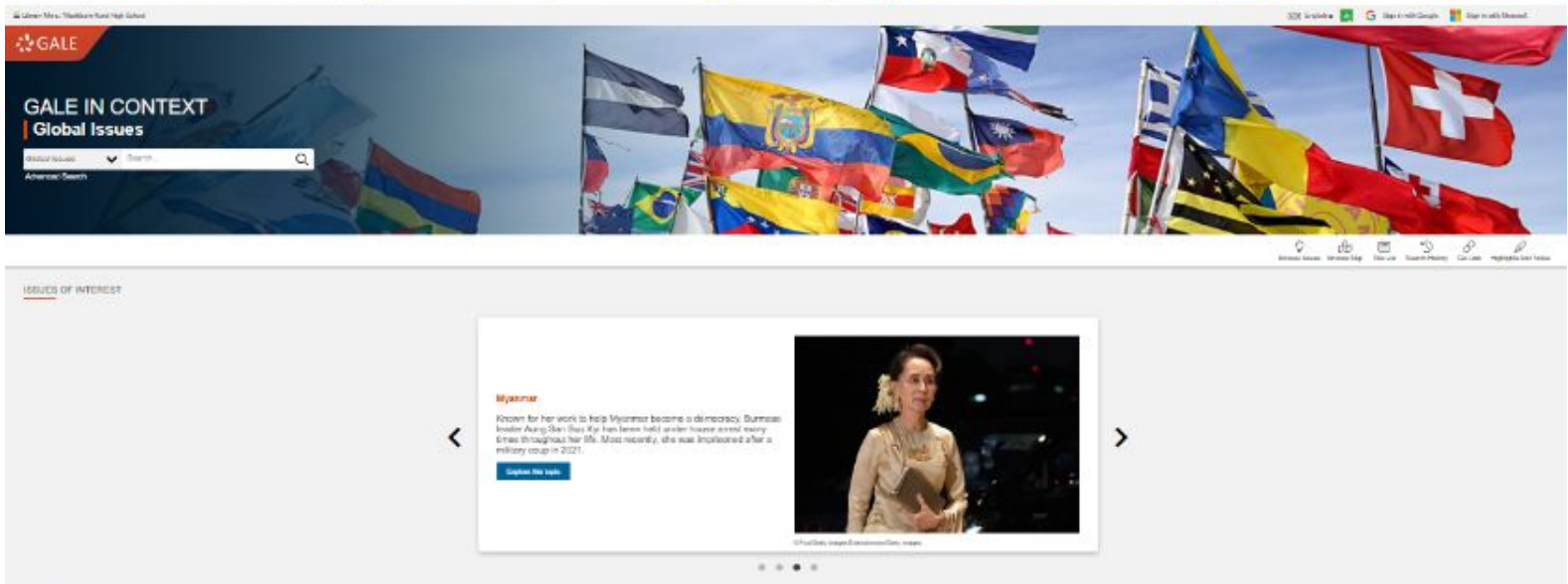


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◆ WRHS Media Center

Students needing trustworthy information have ***Global Issues in Context*** to turn to for a wide variety of reliable sources.



For a complete list of credible source options from WRHS, TSCPL and the State Library, visit bit.ly/wrhsdatabases.



Connect with us @wrhslib for:

- technology support
- homework help
- reading recommendations
- area job openings
- school activities and more



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Bocce Ball Unified Special Olympics Tournament

Unified Sports is a branch of Special Olympics that includes school aged students with and without developmental and intellectual disabilities. The tournament was at Olathe East High School on March 4th.



Spread the Word

Spread the Word for Inclusion Pledge was on March 1st
Learn more at : <https://www.spreadtheword.global/>





PTO Blues Backers APRIL 2023

CONGRATS!!!

We want to congratulate all the winter sports and organizations on their huge successes this past season!!!

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Clubs and sports teams continue to raise funds by working concession stands.

Over \$7,500 was made during the winter season!!!

The spring season schedule has been sent out to all WRHS teachers. If you know your child's organization would like to fundraise with a concession stand, please contact your coach or club representative. The money raised this year can be used during the 2023-2024 school year.

NEXT BLUES BACKERS MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

We have a **SEVERAL** volunteer positions opening next year and would love to have these filled at our April meeting.

If it weren't for the Blues Backers, we would not have concession stands at WRHS events nor a Post Prom party for our students. Please consider volunteering.

Meetings are typically held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We would love to see you on April 19!

DONATIONS WANTED

We continue to accept donations throughout the year for each year's post prom event. Venmo is now available for purchasing items, memberships, donations, etc...
@WashburnruralHSpto





PTO Blues Backers APRIL 2023

WHO WE ARE

Blues Backers is the parent-teacher organization at Washburn Rural High School. Our purpose is to work closely with the administration at the school to support the students as well as show appreciation for the hard work of the teachers and staff. This is accomplished through volunteer time and financial support in various ways.

Blues Backers are responsible for organizing and executing a number of events and activities:

- Organizing & Hosting post-prom each year
- Fulfilling funding requests from extra-curricular activities (sports, clubs, activities)
- Providing concessions at events
- Providing hospitality lounge at school-hosted events
- Student achievement recognition
- Hosting teacher appreciation events
- Volunteering at school dances/events

LIMITED MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

Check out our website for a few items \$10 and under! Reminder - merchandise can be purchased through the school store, [The Shack](#).



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JOIN THE WRHS PTO/BLUES BACKERS



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THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

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Chris & Erin Appuhn
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Morgan & Jason Padgett
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Thomas VanDerSluis
Kurtis & Andie VanDonge
Jeanne & Russ Vawter
Kennen & Debbie Walker
Scott & Lacie Walker
Leanna Will
Todd & Kathleen Williams
Anne & Brian Wilson
WRHS Student Businesses -
Bank, Common Grounds, The
Shack
Scott and Noelle Resch

Blue Level

RJ Adair
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Alison
Kelly & Andrew Banks
Robbie & Erinn Bradstreet
Tom Bruno
Melanie & Richard Buckhalter
Charlie Burton



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Blue Level (Continued)

Daniel Byard
David & Azure Chooncharoen
Dirk & Amy Christian
Michelle Colly
Angela & Darin Conklin
Vince & Lyndi Cox
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Jolee Eckert
Troy & Jennifer
Monique Fortune
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Pulkit Gupta
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Jeni & John Herman
Megan Hewitt
Cory & Nicole
Page Jones & Brian Littrell
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Hunter & Andrea Kirkwood
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Marc & Jennifer Luetje
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Summer & Mike McCoy
Tyler & Kate McMaster
Doug & Barb Moore
Jen Nichols
Annette Ogunnowo
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Jeff & Mary Peter
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Lori & Quint Reelfs
Jenny & Ryan Rohn
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Adam & Haley Schmitz
Brady & Shanna Simpson
Brain and Michelle Soderberg
Casey & Carrie Stead
Matthew Stone
Kevin & Cindy Stout
John & Angie Stupka
Vincent Tran
Richard & Sheli VanWogoner
Jamie & Jeanne Winter
Jamie Garcia
Keith & Amy Newberry

White Level

Clare & Debbie Blakeslee
Bob & Judy Conklin
Harmonee Daniels
Tanisha Domann
Tracy Duran
Danielle Eilert
Natasha Fulton
Sarah Funk
Teresa Golden
Crystal Gonzalez
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Kristina Hanson
Ben Holcomb
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WASHBURN RURAL THEATRE PRESENTS



Clue

YOU'RE AT A PARTY
YOU'RE BEING BLACKMAILED
THERE'S A BODY IN THE KITCHEN
AND THE POLICE ARE ON THEIR WAY...

THANK GOODNESS EVERYTHING'S NORMAL.

April 13-15, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Tickets: \$6-7

WARUTHEATRE.ORG
@WARUTHEATRE

Based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn
Written by Sandy Rustin
Additional material by Hunter Foster & Eric Price
Based on the Paramount Motion Picture
© The Hasbro-game Clue
original music by Michael Ireland

◆ April Student Calendar

Saturday, April 1st

8am ACT Date (WRHS not a test site)
9am V Boys Tennis Quad vs JC, TH, Hayden
12pm V Girls Soccer TBD
8pm Prom
11:30 Post-Prom

Monday, April 3rd

8am IB Art Exhibit
8am State Assessments—Science
4pm C Baseball @ Junction City

Tuesday, April 4th

8am IB Art Exhibit
8am State Assessments—Science
1pm JV Boys Golf @ Shawnee Heights
3pm JV/V Baseball @ Hays
3pm V Boys Tennis Quad vs TH, TW, Manhattan
3pm V Boys Golf @ Olathe West
3pm MS Weights Tryouts
3:15pm Dancin' Blues Tryout Clinic
4pm JV/V Softball vs Emporia
4:30pm JV/V Girls Soccer vs Junction City

Wednesday, April 5th

District Early Release-45 minutes
8am IB Art Exhibit
1:30 pm V Girls Dive/Swim @ Topeka High Invitational
2:20pm AFJROTC Marching Practice
3pm MS Weights Tryouts
3:15pm Dancin' Blues Tryout Clinic
3:30pm JV Track @ Seaman
3:30pm V Boys Tennis Quad TW, Lawrence, Seaman
3:30pm C Baseball @ Seaman
4pm JV Boys Tennis Dual vs Hayden

Thursday, April 6th

8am AFJROTC Blood Drive
8am IB Art Exhibit
10:30am 2022-23 Club Date
3pm V Boys Golf WR V Invite
3pm MS Weights Tryouts
3:15pm Dancin' Blues Tryout Clinic
4pm JV/V Girls Swim @ Emporia
4pm Track Team Dinner
4:30pm JV/V Girls Soccer vs Manhattan

Friday, April 7th

No School-Staff Day
8am Jazz Band Festival
3:30pm V Track @ Olathe Invite
3:30pm JV Baseball vs Emporia
3:30pm Dancin' Blues Tryout Clinic
4pm V Baseball @ Emporia
4pm JV/V Softball vs Olathe South

Saturday, April 8th

9am JV/V Boys Tennis WARU "All Comers" Meet

Monday, April 10th

No School-unless snow make-up
1pm V Boys Golf @ Manhattan Invite
3:30pm C Baseball @ Topeka High
3:30pm JV Boys Tennis Dual vs Emporia

Tuesday, April 11th

7am NHS Meeting
8am BluePrint Art Show
12pm V Girls Swim @ Shawnee Mission East
1pm JV Boys Golf @ Olathe South Invitational
3pm V Boys Tennis Quad BVNW, SME, OW
3:30pm V Softball @ Hayden

Wednesday, April 12th

8am BluePrint Art Show
8am State Assessments—ELA
9am Musical Matinee
1pm JV Boys Golf @ Olathe South Invite
1pm Musical Teaser 6/7th hours
1:30pm V Girls Dive/Swim @ Topeka West
3pm JV Softball Quad vs Emporia, Manhattan, JC
3:30pm JV/V Track Jr. Blues Invite
3:30pm JV Boys Tennis vs Lawrence Free State
4pm C Baseball @ Manhattan

Thursday, April 13th

8am BluePrint Art Show
8am State Assessments—ELA
7pm Spring Play

Friday, April 14th

8am V Track @ KU Relays
8a BluePrint Art Show
12pm V Softball @ Shawnee Mission Tournament
3pm JV Boys Tennis @ Emporia Tournament
4pm V/JV Girls Soccer @ Hayden
4pm JV Softball @ Blue Valley West
7pm Spring Play

Saturday, April 15th

6am Regional Bus Competition
8am V Track @ KU Relays
8am KSHSAA Regional Solo and Small Ensemble Festival
12pm V Softball @ Shawnee Mission Tournament
7pm Spring Play

Monday, April 17th

8am BluePrint Art Show
8am State Assessments—Math
12pm WARU Music Festival

Tuesday, April 18th

8am V Boys Tennis @ Topeka West Invite
8am BluePrint Art Show
8am State Assessments—Math
3:30pm JV/V Girls Swim @ Lawrence High
4pm JV Baseball @ Manhattan
4:30pm JV/V Girls Soccer @ Bishop Carrol
6pm SITE Council

Wednesday, April 19th

8am BluePrint Art Show
9am JV Boys Golf @ Manhattan JV Invite
1pm V Boys Golf @ Seama Invitational
1:30pm JV/V Girls Dive @ Hayden Invite
3:30pm JV Track @ Shawnee Heights
4pm C Baseball @ Shawnee Heights
5pm Girls Soccer Team Dinner
6:30pm PTO Meeting

Thursday, April 20th

8am KSHSAA State Large Group Music Festival
8am BluePrint Art Show
4pm Binary Bingo

Friday, April 21st

Jazz Band Trip-Winter Park, CO
8am BluePrint Art Show
8:30am Chorale Recording Trip
12pm JV Girls Soccer @ Wichita NW Tournament
3pm V Track @ Barrie Breakers
4pm JV/V Softball vs Seaman
4pm JV Boys Tennis @ Seaman Dual

Saturday, April 22nd

Jazz Band Trip-Winter Park, CO
8am KSHSAA Regional Speech Festival
12pm JV Girls Soccer @ Wichita NW Tournament

Sunday, April 23rd

Jazz Band Trip-Winter Park, CO

Monday, April 24th

7:15am Big Smiles Dental Visit
9:30am V Boys Golf @ Topeka West Invite (City)
3:30pm JV Boys Tennis Dual vs Topeka West
4:40pm JV/V Girls Soccer @ Mill Valley
6pm AFJROTC Parent Meeting for CIA Trip
6:30pm District Awards & Retirement Reception
Tuesday, April 25th
9am District Vocal Music Festival rehearsal
1:30pm V Girls Dive/Swim @ Topeka West Invite
3:30pm JV Baseball @ Junction City
4pm V Softball vs Junction City
7pm District Vocal Music Festival Concert

Wednesday, April 26th

District Early Release-45 Minutes
9am District String Festival rehearsal
2:20pm AFJROTC Marching Practice
3:30pm JV Track @ Topeka High Meet
4pm C Baseball vs Seaman
5pm Girls Soccer Team Dinner
6pm AFJROTC National Awards
7pm District String Festival Concert

Thursday, April 27th

9am District Bands Festival rehearsal
10:30am 2022-23 Club Date
1pm JV Boys Golf @ Aquinas Invite
3:30pm JV/V Boys Tennis @ City (TH Host)
4pm Track Team Dinner
4:30pm JV/V Girls Soccer @ Blue Valley West
7pm District Bands Festival Concert

Friday, April 28th

7:15am Big Smiles Dental Visit
8am V Boys Golf @ Hutchinson Invitational
3pm V Track @ Seaman Relays
3pm Set up building for state music festival
3:30pm JV/V Baseball vs Manhattan
4pm JV/V Softball @ Manhattan

Saturday, April 29th

8am KSHSAA State Solo and Small Ensemble Festival