



Junior Blues News



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National Technical Honors Society



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



Welcome back! I do hope that you had a memorable winter break. We are so glad to have students back in the building. Covid 19 continues to challenge our community and we are working very hard to keep our students engaged as we balance safety and success.

A very important upcoming event that I would like to direct your attention to is Parent-Teacher Conferences. They will occur on Wednesday and Thursday, February 10 and 11 respectively. Conference times are:

Wednesday, February 10, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 11, 7:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 11, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 11, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

One of the most important things that you can do as a parent to help your child achieve is to establish regular and open communication with their teachers. Parent-Teacher Conferences provide a very effective means of establishing this dialogue. During the conferences, I would encourage you to ask questions about the following: your child's progress toward the learning objectives for each of their classes, what you can do at home to assist your child in reaching those learning objectives as well as any concerns that your child may have with the class. I would also encourage you to share any other information about your child that would assist us in better understanding their needs.

We plan to offer the same scheduling opportunities as we did last October through our scheduling platform, myconferencetime.com. You will be able to schedule with as many of your student's teachers as you need to. 10-minute appointments will be available and you'll have the opportunity to choose virtual or in-person meetings. Our Counseling and Administrative Staffs will also be listed on myconferencetime.com and available during conferences. Please do not hesitate to schedule with one of us.

As we move closer to the end of the third 9-weeks, we are aware that some students may be struggling. Wednesday Interventions continue and are a great opportunity for students who need more time on campus to work. If your child is referred by our staff, we certainly hope you will support our efforts to ensure their success by encouraging attendance. It is our mission to ensure that every student learns to the best of their ability.

Please let us know how your student is doing. We hope to see you during conferences!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Raines". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ed Raines, Principal
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◆ WRHS Counseling Office

Pre-enrollment for 2021-2022

WRHS pre-enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is currently taking place until March 26. Students should utilize the screencasts and information sent via email that included information on graduation requirements, post-secondary planning, and pre-enrollment information. All presentations, course guides, and instructional videos can be found on the counseling website under ACADEMIC PLANNING. Pre-enrollment requests should be submitted to Naviance Student by March 26.

Washburn University Institute of Technology Programs

A representative from Washburn Tech visits WRHS regularly to visit with interested students about admission procedures and the many career programs offered. Programs at Washburn Tech are for junior and senior students who are on track toward graduation. Interested students should see a counselor to sign up for the visit.

ACT on February 23

Nearly 300 juniors are registered for the ACT on February 23. Students need to check their email regularly for updates on pre-registration sessions and testing details. Juniors were given an ACT preparation booklet on January 11. We encourage students to prepare for the test.

Scholarships

Many new scholarships have been added to the Counseling Website and Naviance with February or March deadlines. The list provides access to applications as well as information on eligibility requirements and deadlines.

College Visits

As you start to make summer plans, we encourage families 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>.



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AGES 13-17

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This platform can help you get through challenging times and grow stronger by being part of a caring and accepting community. Every person, including you, is valuable and deserving of care and compassion. A key part of growth is learning new skills, which 7 cups can teach you skills that will help you find the positive in your life.

◆ Career and Technical Education



**National Technical
Honor Society**

Students, families and faculty gathered on January 21, 2021 for the eighth annual Washburn Rural High School National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony. This year due to the pandemic the ceremony was virtual and hosted by co-Presidents Maggie Decker and Gwendolyn Clark.

In order to be nominated for the National Technical Honor Society, a student must have maintained a 3.75 grade point average and have been nominated by a CTE faculty member. Final selection by a committee of CTE faculty and administration is based on the seven NTHS attributes of skill, scholarship, honesty, responsibility, service, leadership, and citizenship.

The National Technical Honor Society inductees for this year were Alex Blum, Julianne Bounous, Maria Bures, Brooklyn DeLeye, Mariet Delgado, Alexis DeWeese, Jack Hutchison, Jacelyn Ketter, Vaughn Lolley, Nick Luetje, Madelyn Luttjohann, Kristin Ng, Braden Reelfs, Grace Sakai, Andrew Trimble, and Sheriden Wichman.

Officers for NTHS are Co-Presidents, Maggie Decker and Gwendolyn Clark; Secretary-Grace Sakai; and Treasurer- Nick Luetje. Teresa Golden serves as the faculty advisor of the National Technical Honor Society.

Students participated in the Induction Lighting Ceremony prior to pledging membership in the National Technical Honor Society. All NTHS members received a membership certificate, pin, card and graduation tassel. Additional membership benefits include personalized letters of recommendation for employment, college admissions, or scholarships; online career resources; monthly newsletters; recruitment opportunities by top colleges and businesses; regional and national leadership events; career development programs and eligibility for many NTHS scholarships.

All the returning members of NTHS received their second year pin and the officers were also given pins that represent their position and dedication to the society. The WRHS Chapter of National Technical Honor Society currently has 130 members and we are proud to be a part of our community. Thank you to our faculty and community for your support!

LEARN TO CODE AND CHANGE THE WORLD THIS SUMMER!

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. FREE TO APPLY, FREE TO ATTEND!

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EARLY ACCEPTANCE DEADLINE IS MID-FEBRUARY, 2021.
APPLICATION CLOSES MID-MARCH, 2021



◆ Career and Technical Education

Have YOU Heard About Work-Based Learning/Internship Opportunities at WRHS?

The goal of the Work-Based Learning (Workplace Experience classes) is to pair you with a business that will give you hands-on training in an entry-level position related to the career you want to explore. You receive class credit for the time you are working in your internship. The best part is that you have added real-world experience to your resume, along with other skills, and you will be better prepared whether you plan to go to college or enter the workforce after high school. Below are the Work-Based Learning Class offered at WRHS:

Ag Internship
Advanced Ag Internship
Finance Workplace Experience
Advanced Finance Workplace Experience
Marketing Workplace Experience
LPSS (Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security) Internship

Construction Workplace Experience
Biomedical Workplace Experience
Biochemistry Workplace Experience
Health Care Work Experience
Teaching Internship

Give yourself an edge over other students and be ready to jump into your post-high school life by applying for a Workplace Experience class provided at the end of the pathways offered at WRHS. Make an appointment with Mrs. Golden (goldeter@usd437.net) or stop by her office F2425 or speak to your counselor and change your future!

What is Career and Technical Education?

Career and Technical Education (CTE) prepares students for a wide range of careers and further educational opportunities. These careers may require varying levels of education, including industry-recognizing credentials, post-secondary certificates, and two -year and four-year degrees. CTE Prepares Learners for the Future of Work

What is the Future of Work?

The world is at the start of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, which is characterized by merging of new technologies in the physical, digital and biological worlds and the infusion of these technologies into nearly every facet of work and life. New technologies are rapidly emerging and evolving, including artificial intelligence, robotics, big data analytics and the Internet of Things. The speed of change in the Fourth Industrial Revolution is taking place at an exponential pace, and the changes will have a significant impact on nearly every industry.

In many ways, the future of work is already here. The COVID19 (coronavirus) pandemic has accelerated the pace of technological change, as many industries have quickly adopted remote work technology at scale and some companies are considering automation to protect workers' health and increase efficiencies. Today and into the future, Career Technical Education (CTE) plays a strong role in equipping learners with the foundational, transferrable skills they will need for future jobs and the shifting work opportunities ahead.



VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR FOR STUDENTS

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MARCH 1 - MAY 29, 2021
LIVE STUDENT DAY: MARCH 24, 2021

Topeka Junior Achievement to hold Virtual Career Fair for Students grades 6-12. Look for more information in the March Newsletter.



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Imposter Scams: Say No, Keep Your Dough

Imposter scams often begin with a call, text message, or email. The scams may vary, but work the same way – a scammer pretends to be someone you trust, often a government agent, family member, or someone who promises to fix your computer – to convince you to send them money or share personal information.

Scammers may ask you to wire money, put money on a gift card, or send cryptocurrency, knowing these types of payments can be hard to reverse.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, Americans lost more than \$667 million to imposter scams in 2019.

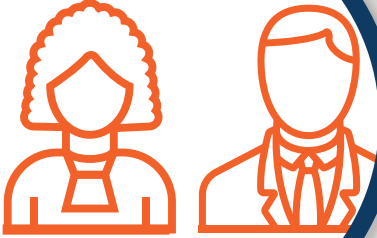
Learn to spot these scams and say no.



Recognize the Scam

You get a call, email or text message from someone claiming to be:

FAMILY MEMBER



COURT OFFICIAL

POLICE



SOCIAL SECURITY



IRS



BANK



- A **FAMILY MEMBER** (or someone acting for them), saying your relative is sick, has been arrested or is in serious trouble and needs money right away.
- A **COURT OFFICIAL**, indicating that you failed to appear for jury duty and need to pay a fine or you will be arrested.
- The **POLICE**, saying you'll be arrested, fined or deported if you don't pay taxes or some other debt right away.
- From **SOCIAL SECURITY**, claiming that COVID-19-related office closures mean your benefits have been suspended.
- From the **IRS**, saying you owe back taxes, there's a problem with your return or they need to verify information.



- From your **BANK**, claiming they need to verify personal information before they can send you a new card.

Protect Yourself



Be Suspicious

of any call from a government agency asking for money or information. Government agencies don't do that; scammers do.



Don't trust Caller ID.

Even if it might look like a real call, it can be faked.



Never pay with a gift card,

wire transfer or cryptocurrency. If someone tells you to pay this way, it's a scam.



Check with the real agency, person, or company.

Don't use the phone number they give you. Look it up yourself. Then call to find out if they're trying to reach you—and why.

Report and Share

Tell your bank and be sure to share these tips with friends and family.

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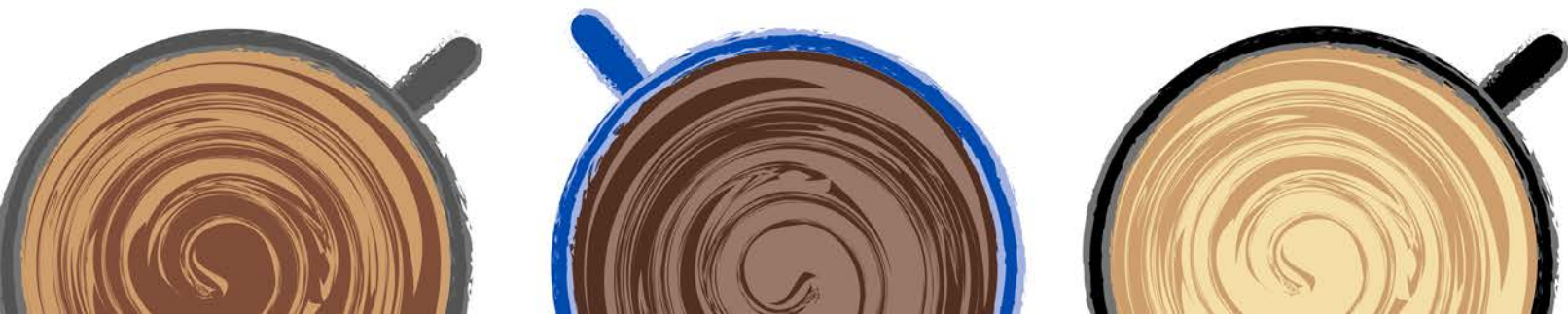
Monday through Friday

7:00 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.

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Introducing new apparel, now available for purchase at The Shack.



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Maggie Decker



Gwen Clark



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Favorite Memory Being Apart of The Shack?

"All of the opportunities and gaining knowledge from outside vendors about the business world!"

"Designing new merchandise last year to sell at Hy-Vee as a part of my DECA project"



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- reading recommendations
- area job openings
- school activities and more



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Participants	5,185,539
Books Pledged	319,729,286
Avg. Books Pledged	61
Time Left	27 days, 17 hours

- Join GoodReads.com
- Friend @wrhslib on GoodReads.com
- Sign up for the 2021 Reading Challenge

You have read 59 of 50 books in 2020.

YOUR 2020 BOOKS

- Request books from WRHS
<http://library.usd437.net>
- Borrow books from the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library
<http://tscpl.org>
- Read or Listen to books from the State Library
<http://kslib.info>

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Overview
Biomedical engineers are highly trained scientists who use engineering and life science principles to research biological aspects of animal and human life. They develop new theories, and they modify, test, and prove existing theories on life systems. They design health care instruments and devices or apply engineering principles to the study of human systems. There are approximately 19,890 biomedical engineers employed in the United States.

History
Biomedical engineering is one of many new professions created by advancements in technology. It is an interdisciplinary field that brings together two respected professions: biology and engineering.

Biology is the study of life, and engineering, in broad terms, studies sources of energy in nature and the properties of matter in a way that is useful to humans, particularly in machines, products, and structures. A combination of the two fields, biomedical engineering developed primarily after 1945, as new technology allowed for the application of engineering principles to biology. The artificial heart is just one of

Quick Facts

- Alternate Title(s):** None
- Duties:** Use engineering and life science principles to research biological aspects of animal and human life.
- Salary Range:** \$31,480 to \$64,226 to \$126,520+
- Work Environment:** Primarily indoors
- Best Geographic Location(s):**

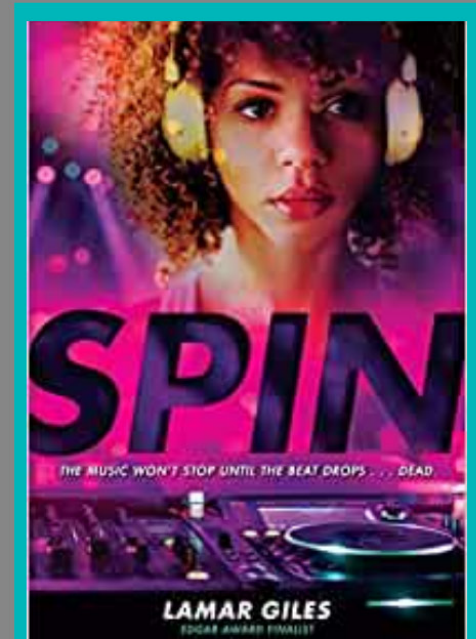
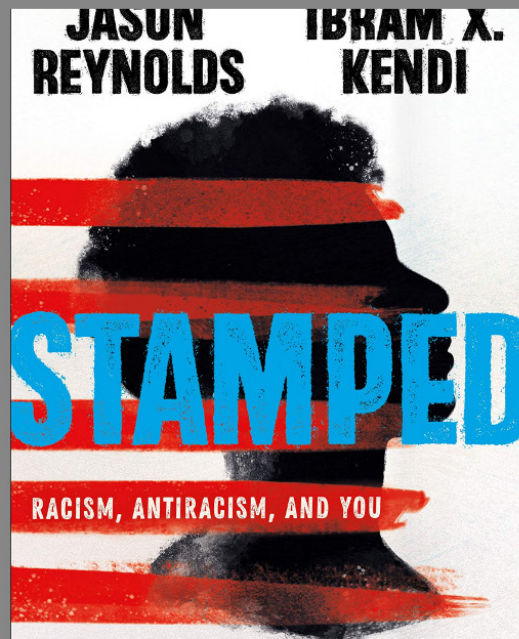
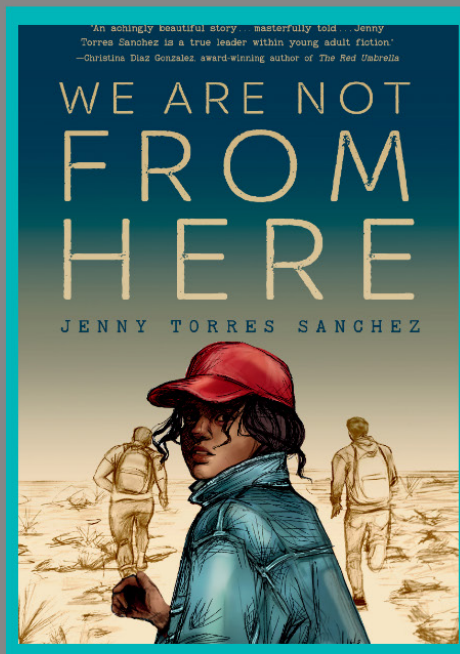


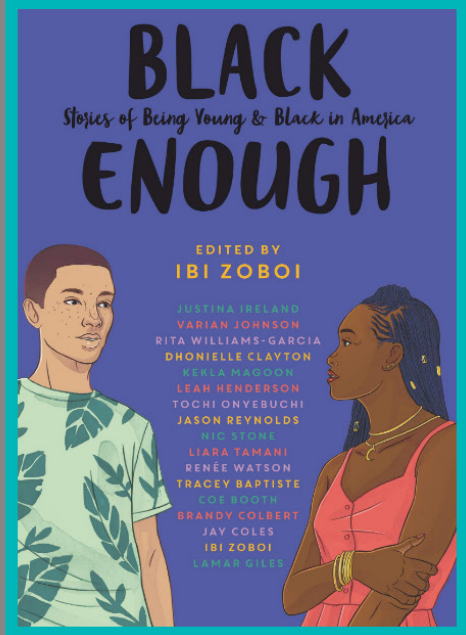
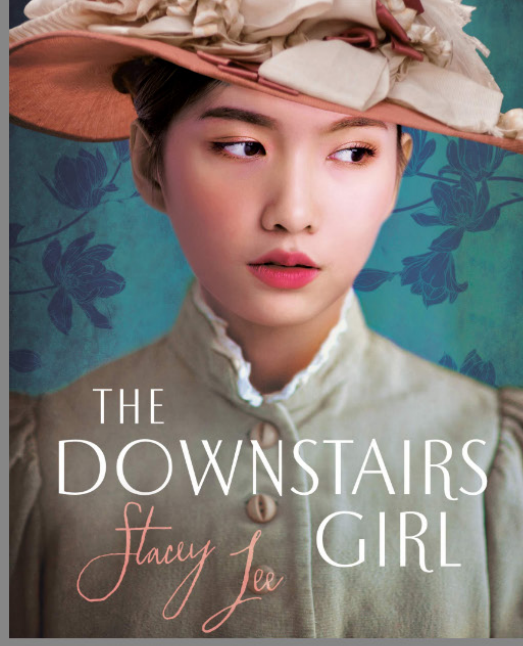
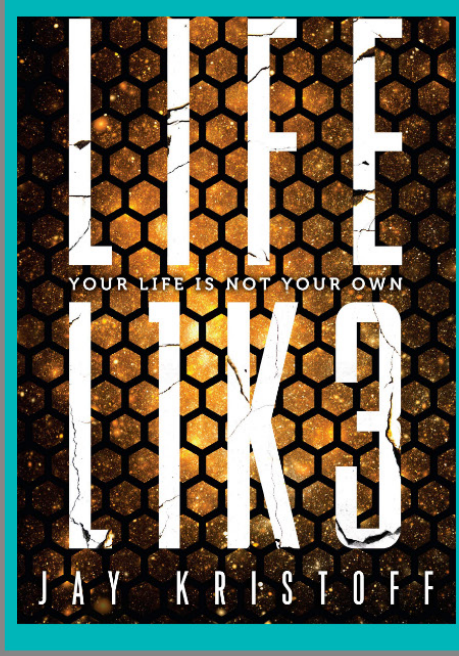
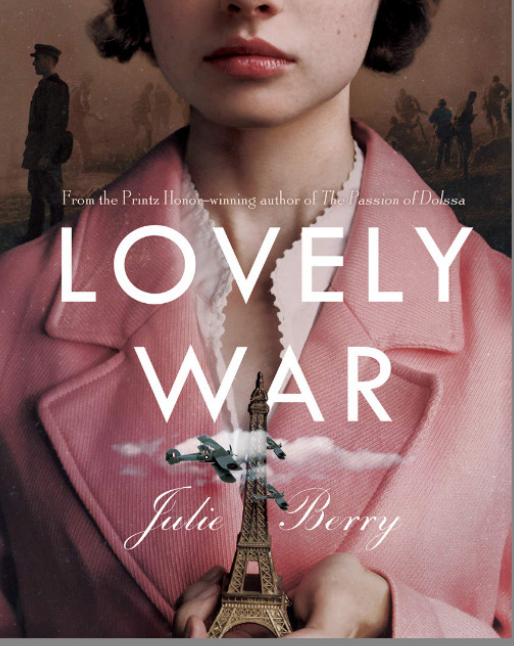
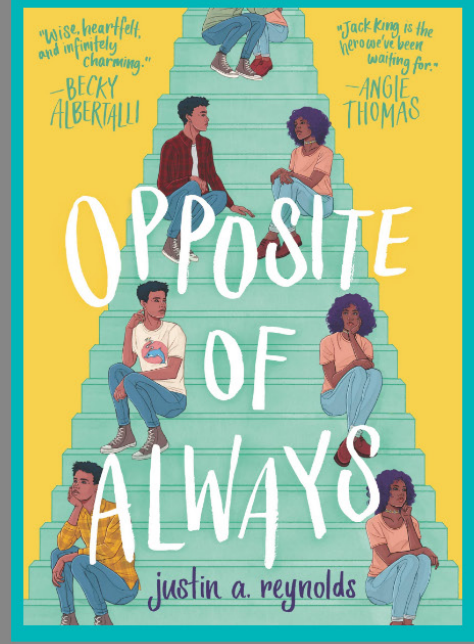
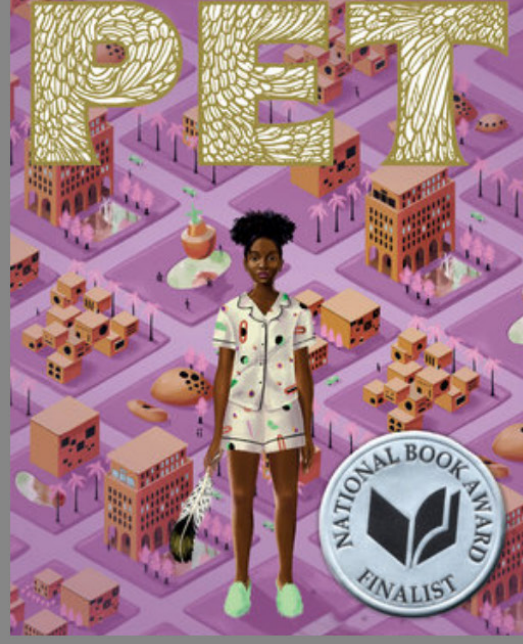
ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS: Check our library's website or contact a librarian for the link to *Ferguson's Career Guidance Center*. If prompted to log in, please input the following login details:

Thanks to the State Library of Kansas <http://kslib.info>

March Madness Young Adult - 2021

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Visit the Library to get a Spring 2021 Book Bingo Card! Can you read 4 in a row this semester? Follow our progress on the @wrhslib social media pages!

Bingo Card ID 001

@WRHSLIB Spring 2021 Book Bingo

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Biography	Fantasy	FREE SPACE	A Recommendation from Library Staff
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WRHS PTO/BLUES BACKERS

2020-2021

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/)

WRHS PTO 2020-2021 BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Hospitality

Spring Concession

Other positions available throughout the year

Please contact a current board member for more information!

PTO was happy to support the organizations, sports, and clubs listed below during the 2019-2020 year. This, in turn, is possible through the support that PTO receives from the high school community.

Dancing Blues: \$2,064.00 for uniforms
Boys' Basketball: \$750.00 for HUDL Program
Band: \$5,000.00 for Program
ROTC: \$885.00 for marksmanship range



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A message from Principal Raines...

The WRHS PTO is an indispensable organization in the life of our school. Unlike the elementary schools in our District, the high school PTO does not hold special events such as Sock Hops or Pancake Feeds to raise money. Revenue is generated almost exclusively through memberships and concession stand proceeds. The money that is generated funds a wide variety of activities including sports, post-prom, performing arts and classroom instructional support. Given the limited number of participants at events this year, the sale of memberships will be absolutely critical. Please consider joining and, in doing so, supporting our students! Your support HAS NEVER been more important!! For more information, please go to: <http://usd437.net/schools/wrhs/pto/>



Scan Me

Support your student and school by becoming a WRHS Blues Backer member for as little as \$10. Scan the QR code with your phone to join today!

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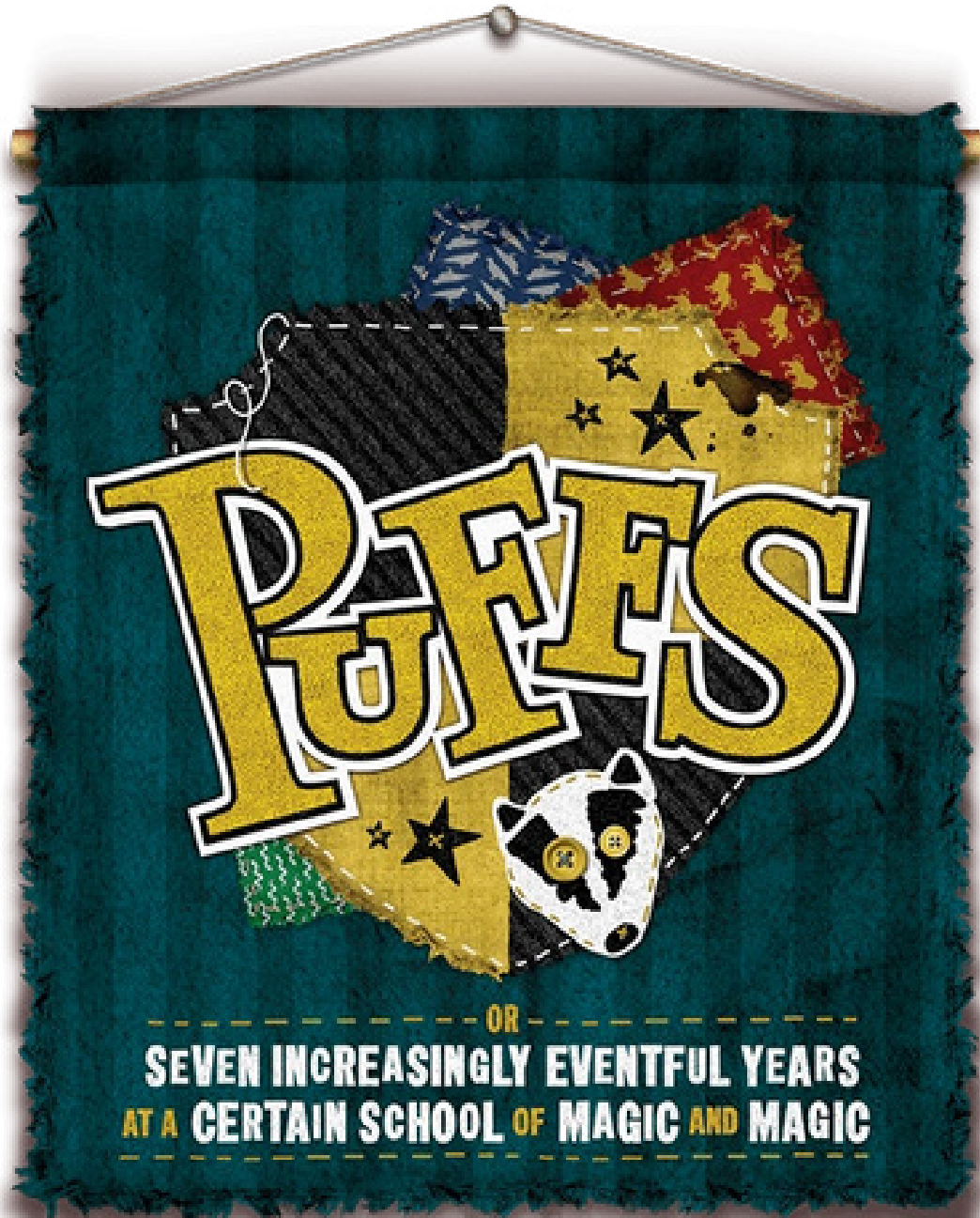
<http://usd437.net/schools/wrhs/pto/merchandise.html>

Contact our Merchandise Co-Chairs for more information.

Volunteers Needed!

PTO is looking for volunteers to help plan Post Prom. Planning will begin soon! If you are interested in helping, please contact Michelle DeWeese at bmdeweese@sbcglobal.net

We are always looking for people who can volunteer in the concessions stand during games. Please contact Cyndi Peterson at tamuku@aol.com if you can help!



April 15, 16, and 17 at 7:00pm

For seven years a certain boy wizard went to a certain Wizard School and conquered evil. This, however, is not his story. This is the story of the Puffs... who just happened to be there, too.

This clever and inventive play “never goes more than a minute without a laugh,” giving you a new look at a familiar adventure from the perspective of the Puffs, a group of well-meaning, loyal outsiders with a thing for badgers “who are so lovable and relatable, you’ll leave the theater wishing they were in the stories all along.” Their hilariously heartfelt and epic journey full of 1990s pop culture references takes a familiar and beloved story and reimagines what a boy wizard hero can be. This comedy runs 100 minutes with intermission, and is recommended for teen and adult audiences.