



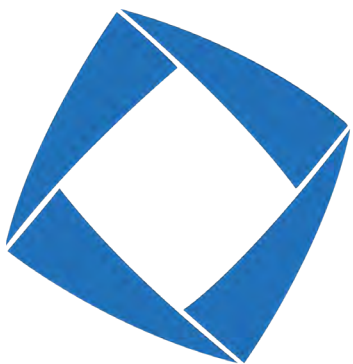
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Featured Story DECA Student-Based Businesses



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SCHOOL-BASED ENTERPRISES
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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



Greetings!

I'm sure that many of you will join me in wondering where the academic year has gone. It seems like only yesterday that we were starting school. Our students have accomplished some fantastic things so far this year. We are the City Champs in Girls' Tennis, Boys' Swim and Dive, Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Cross Country, and Girls' Golf; we are the Co-League Champs in Football; we are the Centennial League Champions in Boys' Soccer, Girls' Tennis, Boys' Bowling, Girls' Golf, Boys' Swim and Dive, Girls' Cross Country, Volleyball, Boys' Wrestling, and Girls' Wrestling; we are Regional or Sub-State Champions in Boys' Soccer, Girls' Golf, Girls' Cross Country, Girls' Tennis, Volleyball, Boys' Wrestling, and Girls' Wrestling; we are the State Champions in 2-Speaker and 4-Speaker Debate, Dance, and Boys' Wrestling. Our Theatre Department and cast of *The Book of Will* were selected for a Main

Stage Performance at the State Thespian Conference, and were also selected for a Main Stage Performance at the International Thespian Festival. Only 8 schools from across the country received this honor. They will travel to Bloomington, Indiana June 20-24. Kevin Bordewick was named 6A Volleyball Coach of the Year; Jared Goehring was named 6A Girls' Golf Coach of the Year; Brian Hensyel was named 6A Boys' Soccer Coach of the Year; Matt Swedlund was named 6A Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year. In addition, we have two State Wrestling Champs, Aidan Boline-Boys' 160 lb. weight division, and Austin Fager-Boys' 182 lb. weight division, and Brooklyn DeLeye was named Kansas Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year. I have every confidence that we will finish the school year as strongly as it has unfolded. In keeping with that belief, I would again like to share some information with you that will assist in helping your child bring a successful conclusion to their academic year.

If your child is experiencing problems in any of their classes, our counselors are more than willing to provide assistance. A multitude of services exist at WRHS that the counselors can help coordinate with you and your child. If individual attention from the teacher and other interventions prove ineffective in solving your challenges, your child may be referred for further intervention through our Student Intervention Team (SIT). The SIT is a group of trained educational professionals, and you, of course, who will conduct a comprehensive analysis of your child's academic progress and habits. After the evaluation is complete, intervention may be recommended to address academic performance issues. Fortunately, most problems can be effectively resolved through this process. For those that aren't, our counselors will be happy to discuss more aggressive options with you. For your convenience, I have listed them below.

Leslie Fischer (339-4117): Responsible for students whose last names are A-D

Keith Wetzel (339-4116): Responsible for students whose last names are E-J

Stephanie Berkhalter (339-4103): Responsible for students whose last names are K-O

Michelle Pegram (339-4911): Responsible for students whose last names are P-T

Cynthia Coufal (339-4118): Student Services

Marcie Frederickson (339-4115): Responsible for students whose last names are U-Z

Jason Parker (339-4119): Responsible for students in B-3 Alternative Education

Also on the horizon are a couple of school events that I want to bring your attention to.

One of the most anticipated evenings of the entire year is fast approaching for our juniors and seniors and their guests! Prom will be held in the Sunflower Ballroom at the Hotel Topeka at City Center on Saturday, April 2 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. After prom activities, which are sponsored by the WRHS PTO Blues Backers, are currently scheduled to begin at 11:30 p.m. at WRHS. This is a very special time for our school and I hope you will join me in encouraging your students to make good decisions for themselves.

Graduation will occur on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at the Stormont Vail Events Center. Due to potential snow days, the last day for graduating seniors has not yet been determined. More information regarding their last day should be available closer to spring break. Seniors who have not otherwise met graduation requirements will be required to attend through the end of the year.

As always, if you have questions about any of these items, please feel free to call me.

Best,

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

Ed Raines

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WRHS Counseling Office

Counseling Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/usd437.net/counselors/>

Follow us on twitter for updates: [@wrhsgo](https://twitter.com/wrhsgo)

[Counseling Staff Contact Information](#)

24 Hour Crisis Hotline: 785-232-5005

Pre-enrollment

Students completed pre-enrollment from January 11 until March 3. Students watched [pre-enrollment videos](#) in their advisory and met with counselors in the auditorium during English (juniors: January 20, sophomores: January 27, freshmen: February 3). Students were given information about graduation requirements, the importance of taking rigorous courses, the Kansas Scholars Curriculum, program opportunities, and specific details about choosing courses. Students selected 7 fall and 7 spring courses. This information will be used to determine how many sections of each course are needed. We encourage families to discuss pre-enrollment options and if questions arise, contact the school counselor. Schedules will be released in July and students can make adjustments during registration at the end of the summer.

Transcript Requests

Transcripts including grades from the Fall 2021 semester are available via Parchment e-transcript services. Go to www.parchment.com to send your requests.

Scholarships

Need money for college? Many scholarships with March deadlines are available on the [WRHS Counseling Website](#). To access the scholarships, visit our website and click the scholarship tab. The list provides access to applications as well as information on eligibility requirements and deadlines. Students can also search Naviance for scholarship opportunities.

College Visits

WRHS hosts virtual and in-person visits. A schedule can be found on our Counseling Website Quick Links: <https://sites.google.com/a/usd437.net/counselors>. 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>.

State Sponsors ACT

Nearly 300 students sat the ACT on March 1 at WRHS. Students who would like to retake the test should register at www.act.org. While most colleges are not using the ACT for admission, many are still using it for scholarship consideration.

AP/IB Credit at KBOR Colleges

The Kansas Board of Regents has updated its credit policies at the six member colleges. These institutions must award credit for AP scores of 3/5 and higher and IB scores (SL and HL) of 4/7 and higher. Seniors are encouraged to keep working hard and prepare for these exams! See https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/credit_for_prior_learning/ap-clep-exams for details.

Time Management Tools for High School Students

This article explores 8 ways for teens to take control of their time:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/inside-the-classroom/8-ways-to-take-control-of-your-time>



Sources of Strength had Mental Health Resource Tables to help Get the Word Out about Sources of Strength and to normalize mental health care and treatment.



Here are the tables!



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Track

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Boys' Golf

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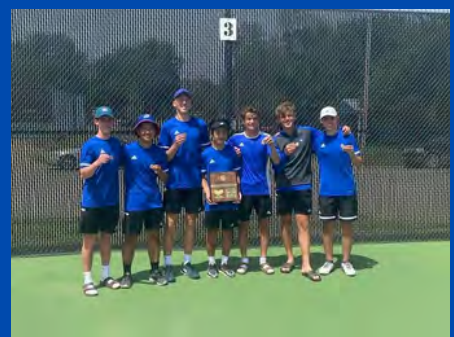
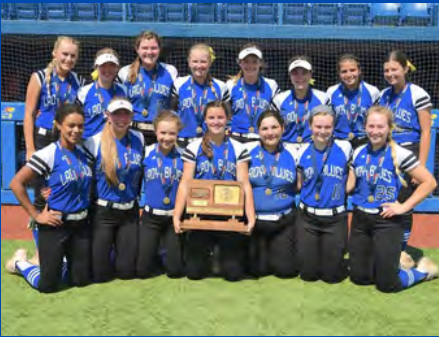
Boys' Tennis

K. Hedberg

Girls' Soccer

B. Hensyel

@WRHSSoccer



Valentine's Day



Student Council sold "Crush Sodas" for the holiday.



Congratulations to Quincey Kidd and Jaliah Johnson on being crowned King & Queen of Courts 2022!



WASHBURN RURAL
THEATRE PRESENTS

April 7, 8 & 9, 2022

a play by Alan Ayckbourn

Woman in Mind

TICKETS \$6 AT THE DOOR OR
ONLINE AT WARUTHEATRE.ORG @WARUTHEATRE



Written by Alan Ayckbourn

Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French

From Interviews with Alan Ayckbourn, (playwright) alanayckbourne.net 2014

“I was initially interested in writing a play told entirely in the first person. One in which all the action is seen through the eyes of its central character. Meaning, that the story should be seen through Susan’s eyes; and we are her. As she goes crazy, we go crazy.”

“On a simple level it’s about this woman who has such an unsatisfactory life she takes refuge in fantasy when her life gets too dull. Eventually she can’t sort out what is real, and throughout the evening, gradually loses touch with reality.”

Production Staff:

DIRECTOR: Connie Archer-McGinnis
TECHNICAL DIRECTION/DESIGN: Nick Beasley
COSTUME SUPERVISOR: Linnea Hoyos
STAGE MANAGER: Bry McDaniel
ASST STAGE MGR: Camryn Clark

Cast List:

Susan - Madison Torrez
Bill - Canton Schenk
Gerald - Griffin Reiff
Muriel - Molly Peterson
Rick - Calvin Schenk
Andy - Christian Ryan
Tony - Cade Nelson
Lucy - Megan Fawl

◆ Career and Technical Education

CTE @ WRHS

For the 2022-23 school year WRHS will be offering classes in the following [Career Clusters and Pathways](#)

- **Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources** Power, Structural, & Technical Systems, Animal Science, Comprehensive Agriculture Science
- **AV Communications:** Digital Media Pathway
- **Business Finance:** Finance
- **Marketing:** Marketing
- **Information Technology:** Programming & Software Development, Web & Digital Communications
- **Education & Training:** Teaching/Training
- **Health & Bio Sciences:** BioMedical, BioChemistry, Health Science
- **Law, Public Safety Corrections & Security:** Corrections, Security, Law & Law Enforcement
- **Architecture & Design:** Construction & Design
- **Hospitality & Tourism:** Restaurant & Event Management

Visit the CTE website for more information: WRHS.net/cte

Featured Career Pathways

This month we spotlight the [Business Finance](#) and [Marketing](#) Pathways. These pathways are unique because students manage three school-based enterprises; WRHS Bank, Common Grounds and The Shack.

A [school-based enterprise](#) (SBE) is an entrepreneurial operation in a school setting that provides goods/services to meet the needs of the market. SBEs are managed and operated by students as hands-on learning laboratories that integrate National Curriculum Standards in marketing, finance, hospitality or management.

SBEs provide realistic and practical learning experiences that reinforce classroom instruction. [WRHS Bank](#) provides financial services to students, faculty, WRHS organizations, and staff of WRHS; [Common Grounds](#) provides high quality drinks and superior customer service to Washburn Rural students, staff, and community; [The Shack](#) is a student operated retail store that provides spirit/team apparel for students, staff and school organizations.

School-based enterprises are effective educational tools in helping to prepare students for the transition from school to work or college. For many students, they provide the first work experience; for others, they provide an opportunity to build management, supervision and leadership skills.

Common Grounds, WRHS Bank, and The Shack were among 461 school-based enterprises achieving [Gold Certification](#) for the 2021-2022 school year and will be recognized during DECA's International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA.

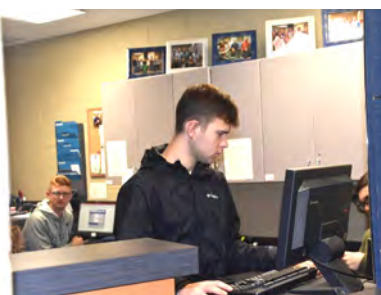
WRHS Bank

The Shack

Common Grounds

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Workplace Experience/Work Based Learning and WRHS Pathways

CTE Pathways provide students the opportunity to expand their knowledge of a field in which they wish to explore career options. Classes offered in a Career Pathway include Introduction, Technical and Application level courses.

Work Based Learning courses are designed for those students who have completed two or three courses in the Pathway and are ready to gain hands-on experience under the supervision of an employer. The CTE Coordinator will work with the employer to design a planned set of activities that will give the student a broad overview of a business or occupational field (short or long-term; usually paid). For more information about Workplace Experience/Internships in each of the pathways visit wrhs.net/CTE.

If you are interested in enrolling in Workplace Experience for the 2022-2023 school year, contact your counselor or Mrs. Golden goldeter@usd437.net for more information.



Celebrating CTE Month®

February was CTE Month, as proclaimed by the Governor's Office. Read the full [proclamation](#) here.



CTE Month Guest Speakers

Construction & Design students heard from Jay Rice, Construction Foreman, SENT, Topeka and Justin Spencer, Instructor, Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council and Apprentice Training Programs. Katie Potter, Game One spoke to students in the Marketing Pathway and Jennifer Raine from Capitol Federal addressed students in the Business Finance pathway.



Justin Spencer, Instructor, Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council



Jennifer Raine, Capitol Federal

CTE Month Student Project

Students in Mr. Buhler's IB Film and Honors Video Production Studio classes created a video to highlight the Career Pathways at WRHS. A **BIG thank you** to CTE students Kloi Bird, Evan Davidson, Giles Frederickson, Lizzie Meier, and Stephanie Reiff for their work on this project! Click [here](#) to watch the video.

◆ Career and Technical Education

CTE Contest and prizes awarded

Students and staff participated in a three day CTE discovery contest by answering a variety of CTE questions. Winners were selected by a random drawing for prizes donated from the following sponsors:



Morgan Flanders, Washburn Rural High School Alumna, sponsored CTE Month 2022. Her generous contribution provided prizes for students who participated in an online CTE survey promoting career exploration and [Virtual Job Shadow](#).

As a high school senior, Morgan earned high school credit applying the skills she learned in her business classes while working as an intern at Arts Connect. Morgan is currently a Data Analyst Advisor for FedEx Services.

Morgan Flanders



Silver Lake Bank provided prizes, as well. A special thanks to **Shane C. Koci**, VP / Online Banking Services Manager, who serves on the Advisory Committee for the Business Finance Pathway.

Student Winners: Jaidyn Alcantar, Brady Conard, Madison East, Grayson Fink, Brooke Godlove, Maddox Hight, Chloe Holt, Kye Kasper, John (Hayden) Keller, Jackson Lillo, Aiden Lira, Sadee Markham, Laken Maurath, Jack Muir, Seth Overbey, Beatrice Reilly, Brennen Ross, Aaliyah Savard, Talor Sutton, Gracie VandeVelde

Teachers: Kevin Bordewick, Dean Gerlach, Amanda Vanderbogart, Shelsey Wasserstein, Casey Williams



8th Grade Parent Night

On February 23rd the CTE students and staff extended the CTE celebration by offering a few door prizes to 8th grade students and parents during the **8th Grade Parent Night**. Many CTE pathways and other activities were on display for students and parents so they could gain more information about what programs are available to students during their four years at WRHS.

Congratulations to the follow students:

- Cookie Coupons:** Shakira Quarles
- 25% Off The Shack:** Isaac Ansley
- Common Grounds \$5 Gift Card:** Brody Grogan
- The Shack T-Shirt:** Leah Strunk
- Free 2023 Yearbook:** CJ Ray

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DECA Annual Fundraiser

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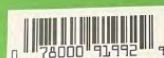


Terrance, living with
spinal muscular
atrophy

Helps her
live longer and
grow stronger

Natalie, living with
muscular dystrophy,
and her sister Avery

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◆ Career and Technical Education



Sponsored by Silver Lake Bank

Senior Spotlight



Hey guys! I'm Nick Luetje. I'm a senior here at WRHS and am currently in my 2nd year at the bank. Some of my best memories at school have come from the bank because I get to interact with some amazing people and Mr. McFall who has to put up with all of it (even though half the time he doesn't, but don't tell him that). On top of this, I get to learn some vital life lessons such as actually saving money. After high school, I plan to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering, and hopefully, land a job in the professional motorsports industry. One piece of advice I would give to whoever is reading this is to set up a mutual fund, you can thank me later!

Interests - finance, gaming, tennis, motorsports, anything mechanical

What I'm involved in - DECA, NTHS, Bank, Tennis

Plans for college - currently undecided on a university, but I will be majoring in mechanical engineering, and hopefully landing a job in the professional motorsports industry.

What I like most about the Bank - all of the great memories I have had with some amazing people

Congratulations to the Junior Blue Crew monthly prize winners.

Harris Chaudhry - \$15 Chipotle Gift Card
Xachery Browne - \$15 Chipotle Gift Card
Diann Faflick - \$10 Common Grounds Gift Card

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.

◆ Career and Technical Education

DECA and Common Grounds, The Shack, and the WRHS Bank have teamed up again to obtain Gold Certification in DECA's School Based Enterprise Program. The WRHS DECA members who contributed to the certification were Avery Jones (Common Grounds), Dylan Dodge / Kyler Knudtson (WRHS Bank), and Madeline Carter / Megan Christensen (The Shack) with the assistance of their DECA chapter advisors, Brian McFall and Kim Sommers.



2021-2022 Shack Staff

Common Grounds, The Shack and WRHS Bank are student-based businesses at Washburn Rural High School. Student baristas that work at the shop are enrolled in Marketing Management as junior and seniors, The Shack Students are enrolled in Marketing Applications and the WRHS Bank students are part of the Banking, Finance and

Investing pathway. These application level course continues to expand students' marketing, finance skills with an emphasis on business management and entrepreneurship. Students manage and operate the school's coffee shop, school store, and bank gaining experience with customer/human relations, inventory, sales, promotion, product development and development of 21st century skills.

This is the sixth year that DECA, WRHS business club, and the student-businesses have teamed up. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. Members can become: academically prepared for college and careers in marketing, finance, hospitality or management, community oriented by gaining an appreciation for the benefits of service and their potential impact on the community and world professionally responsible with ethics, integrity and high standards experienced leaders by practicing key leadership skills such as goal setting, consensus building and project management. The project, School Based Enterprise Program, is a chapter project that develops business and marketing knowledge and skills. The School Based Enterprise Program applies entrepreneurial knowledge and skills to a single sales/service activity to be run as a real business venture. In a sense, the project is a chapter entrepreneurship project.



2021-2022 The Common Grounds Staff

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SBEs provide realistic and practical learning experiences that reinforce classroom instruction. SBEs can sell to consumers through a permanent location, a mobile kiosk or through Internet marketing. Products may include spirit wear, food and beverage items, school supplies, signs and banners and more, while other SBEs provide services such as creative design, advertising sales and more. School-based enterprises are effective educational tools in helping to prepare students for the transition from school to work or college. For many students, they provide the first work experience; for others, they provide an opportunity to build management, supervision and leadership skills. While some in the education community have only recently discovered the value of school-based enterprises, educators and DECA advisors have used them as a powerful teaching tool for more than four decades.

DECA offers SBE certification on two levels: chapter level through a written project and individual level through a comprehensive exam. The certification program reinforces the integration of National Curriculum Standards and 21st century employability skills into the SBE learning lab environment. Standards covered in both the written project and exam include retail, marketing and entrepreneurship concepts, and a range of business operations standards. Earning a chapter or individual certification garners international recognition, provides credibility, validates curriculum efficacy and strengthens the relevancy of the SBE as a valuable teaching tool. Participating in SBE certification is an effective way of preparing students for DECA competitive events and future higher learning and careers.

The School-based Enterprise Academy is held annually during DECA's International Career Development Conference and is available exclusively to Gold Certified and Gold Re-certified SBEs. Gold Certified SBEs are eligible to bring one advisor and up to three students to the academy with the approval of their chartered association advisor. The academy is designed to combine substantive educational experiences and competition with networking and vendor interaction. Participants will experience dynamic professional development sessions specific to the entrepreneurship field, have the opportunity to share ideas and learn from other SBEs, and compete in an SBE-specific competition focused on best practices.

For more contact Mr. McFall at mcfalbri@usd437.net, 785-339-4247.



2021-2022 WRHS Bank Staff

THE SHACK

senior spotlights



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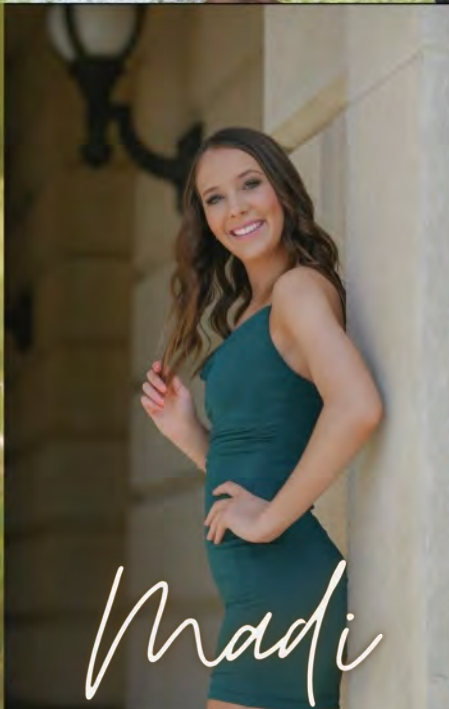
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<https://support.gale.com/training/videos/ovic>

Text 4 Help: 785-260-0015

Mrs. Finney's Monthly YA Book Recommendation



Victories Greater Than Death
By Charlie Jane Anders
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This new SciFi follows Tina, a clone of an amazing, Alien Space Captain, who was brutally murdered. To keep her safe, her DNA was blended with that of a human child, but now Tina has come of age, and everyone is after her. Now Tina has to deal with her new memories, her new life in space, all while trying to stop the man that killed her the first time from initiating a horrible Alien genocide.

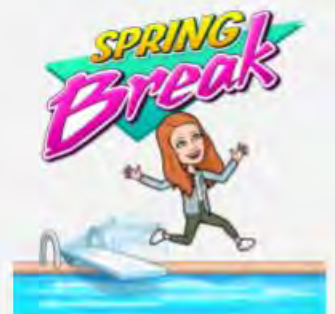


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- technology support
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- reading recommendations
- area job openings
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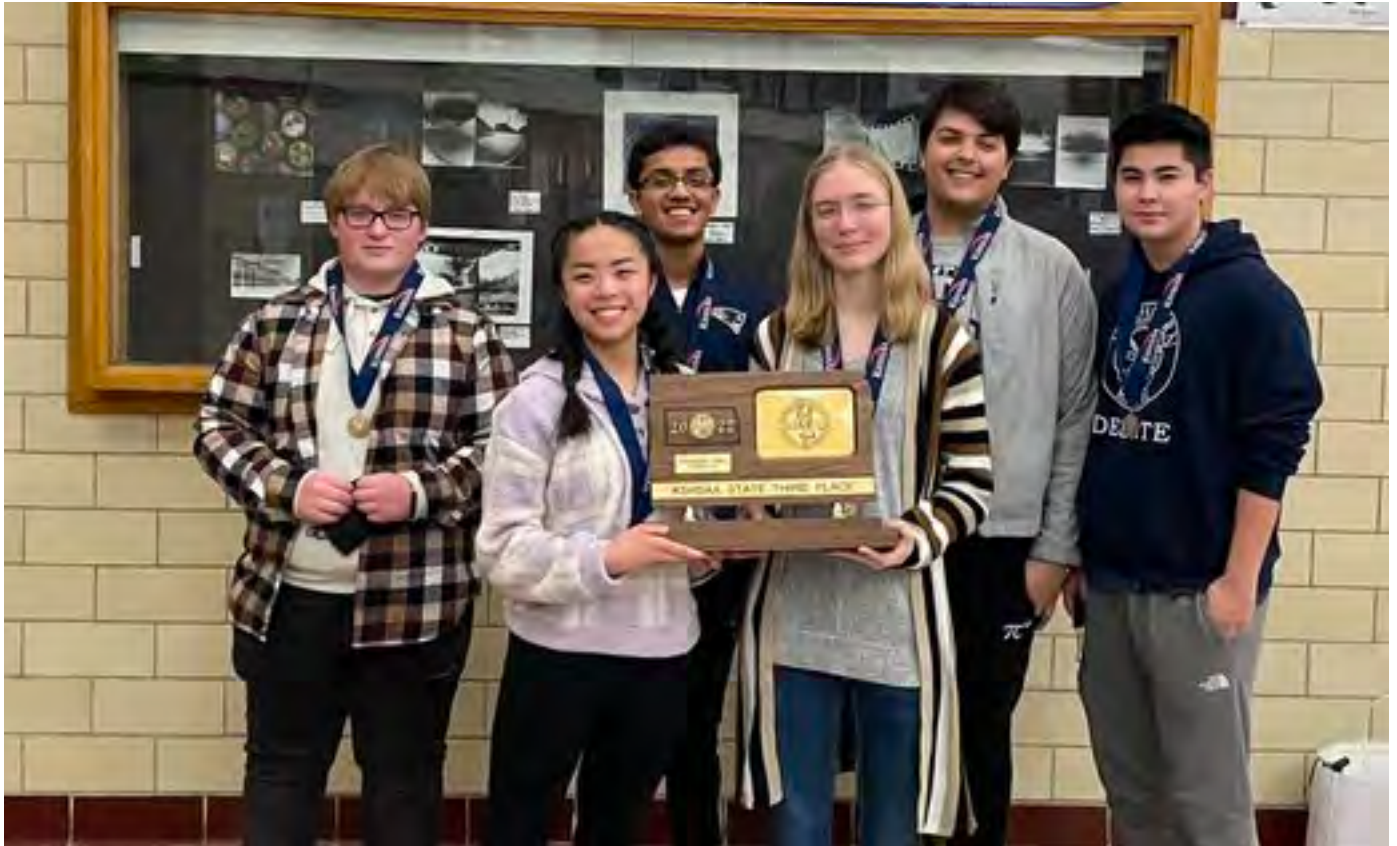
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◆ Scholars Bowl

The WRHS scholar bowl team recently competed at state with an impressive third place finish. Representing WRHS was Karyna Cheung, Rishiraj Pandya, Victoria Wagner, Om Watson, Zachary Willingham, and alternate Grayson Davis.



Team Roster

<p>Seniors: Angelo Alaras *Karyna Cheung *Grayson Davis Sonya Doubledee Arushi Garg *Rishiraj Pandya Lauren Reed *Tori Wagner *Om Watson *Zach Willingham</p> <p>Juniors: Chase Jamison Abhi Velagandula</p>	<p>Juniors: Chase Jamison Abhi Velagandula</p> <p>Sophomores: Conner Magee Caylen McCoy Allison Reed Pierce Romine Anshu Zutshi</p>	<p>Freshmen: Ananya Anaparthi Kavi ChidambaraNathan Jackson Harader Cadee Haugsness Max Kuhlmann Aditi Nimishakavi</p> <p>Juniors: Chase Jamison Abhi Velagandul</p>
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* Identifies Regional & State Competitors

Head Coach: Ms. Cynthia Burgett
 Assistant Coach: Ms. Nia Jackson
 Assistant Coach: Mrs. Diann Faflick



PTO Blues Backers March 2022

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

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Clubs and sports teams continue to raise funds by working concession stands. The spring schedule will be out soon!

JOIN THE WRHS PTO/BLUES BACKERS



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PTO Blues Backers March 2022

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CHECK OUT OUR
MERCHANDISE

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

POST PROM EVENT
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need numerous volunteers to help out at post prom on April 2, 2022.

Please contact Jenny Lang at jenlang4@gmail.com if you are available to help.

Be on the lookout for an email with a Sign-Up Genius for items to donate as well as volunteer times.

NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. You are welcome to bring friends!



Venmo is now available for purchasing items, memberships, donations, etc...

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PTO Blues Backers March 2022

Dear WRHS Parents and Guardians,

The WRHS 35th annual Post Prom party is quickly approaching. Our theme for 2022 is Boots and Bling! Post Prom is a substance-free party held at the High School, following Prom.

Seniors, juniors and their guests along with adult volunteers attend this event. Typically, we've averaged around 700 people in attendance. YOUR STUDENT DOES NOT HAVE TO ATTEND PROM IN ORDER TO ATTEND POST PROM. THEY ARE TWO SEPARATE EVENTS. The party continues to be a success due to the generosity of the WRHS PTO, volunteers and donations from the parents and the community. With your help, we provide games, competitions, food, prizes and a fun, safe environment.

We are currently seeking donations in the form of merchandise, gift cards or monetary donations to make this event a success. We also offer \$200 sponsorships that allow your business/family/friends to sponsor a game and have your name(s) prominently posted at the game site. This is a great way for your business/friends/family to show support for the 2022 post prom party. In addition, you will be acknowledged in the school newsletter and on posters in the hallway.

Please consider helping make this 35th year event one to remember!

With sincere thanks and appreciation,

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Yes, I would like to help provide a safe and substance free post prom by:

Giving a prize donation of _____

\$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other

Venmo @washburnruralhspto



I will mail my donation to WRHS Post Prom, 5900 SW 61st, Topeka, KS 66619

Sponsoring a game-\$200

I(We) will provide a sign Please provide a sign with name listed as _____

I (we) would like to make an additional cash donation of \$_____

I wish to remain anonymous

Contact information: Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please complete and return this form to WRHS by March 4, 2022



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THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Jr. Blue Level

Emily and John Collins
Verna Jackson and Larry Mock
Jeff and Jenny Armstrong
Brian and Danielle Casebeer
Shelby Ross
Ed and Carmen Raines
Angela Truelove
Rick and Casey Frisby
Brian and Jenny Lang
Dana Soph
Brad and Amber Miller
Cheryl Tuckwin
Jason and Erin Nolte
Jeremy and Susan Poling
John and Jennifer Heim
Thad and Megan Halstead
Patrick and Jennifer Grogan
Jana Davis
Jacqueline and Torey Lightcap
Shawn and Bobbi Silover
Travis and Bobbi Shinn
Jen and Todd VandeVelde
Jason and Morgan Padgett
Toby Leonard
Bill and Diann Faflick
Shane and Kristi Davin
Richard and Lauren Fager
Stephen and Kimberly Lanterman
Brian and Michelle Soderberg
Kelly and April Kelsey
Laura and Brian Ismert
Sabra and Johnny Chapman
Todd and Kathleen Williams
Brad and Lori Rupp
Shannon Hoskinson
Matt and Lyn Lemke
Matt and Jennifer Harader
Paul and Jennifer Recinos

Michael and Earlina Faurot
Anya Leonard
Penny and Jeff Lane
Charlie and Misty Nimz
Ann and Dennis Rausch
Kevin and Kim Muff
Angie and Aaron Bachelor
Brian Boyer
Kirk and Nikki Neier
Brian and Jennifer Dodge
Kaylee Barber
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Melissa and Curt Eversgerd
Melissa Aeschliman
Ryan and Lacy Randall
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Jodi Vickery
Ron and Julie Daniels
Tara and Braden Dimick
Erik and Chelsea Blankenship
Tonya Cape
Aaron and Jennifer Endsley
Brenda & Robert North
Josh & Lindsay Whitmore
Catherine Meier

Blue Level

Amos and Jamie Bazil
Kara and Brandon Trieu
Shannon Soden
Charlotte Burton
Patsy Bishop
Sondra and Israel Marquez
Tim and Karah Hight
Noelle and Scott Resch
Kris and Melissa Kasprzyk
Jenni and Danny Howard
Brady and Shanna Simpson

Amanda and Andrew Hartz
Monique Fortune-Finney
Darin and Angie Conklin
Randy and PJ Adair
Rene Hart
Jeni Herman
Matt and Amanda Danielson
Marcie and Ty Frederickson
John Ritchie
Debbie Reiff
Russ and Jeanne Vawter
Valerie M VanDerSluis
Danna Hutsen
Casey & Carri Stead

White Level

Bill & Debbie Lutes
Robin and Steve Wolgast
Quint and Lori Reelfs
Dirk and Amy Christian
Christi Rack
Angie and Robert Haggard
Ronda Kozlowski
Heidi Parker
Jason Parker
Cindy Burgett
Teresa Golden
John and Ann Janca
Dana Leigh Burt
Tyler and Megan Pfizenmaier
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WRHS March Calendar

Tuesday March 1

ACT Test Date
Vocal Music Concert REHEARSAL with WRMS
V Girls' Basketball - Sub State
Vocal Music Concert with WRMS

Wednesday March 2

FFA Chili Supper
V Boys' Basketball - Sub State
Orchestra Concert

Thursday March 3

2021-22 Club Date
NHS Meeting
Varsity Bowling State
6A State Bowling Tournament
Bands Concert

Friday March 4

Renaissance Lunch
V Girls' Basketball - Sub State

Saturday March 5

Powerlifting Meet - Pittsburg
V Boys' Basketball - Sub State

Monday March 7

Girls' Wrestling Awards Night
Board of Education

Tuesday March 8

Vocal Music Concert - Rehearsal
Boys' Wrestling Awards Night
Vocal Music Concert

Wednesday March 9

V Girls' Basketball - State
WRHS Blues Backers March Meeting

Thursday March 10

End of 3rd Quarter
V Boys' Basketball - State

Friday March 11

No School (Staff Day)
V Girls' Basketball - State
V Boys' Basketball - State

Saturday March 12

KSSO State Basketball Tournament
V Girls' Basketball - State
V Boys' Basketball - State

Monday March 14-18

No School (Spring Break)

Monday March 21

2022-23 Cheer Tryout Clinic
Cheer Awards Night
Board of Education

Tuesday March 22

2022-23 Cheer Tryout Clinic
Varsity Girls Dive @ Emporia
Dancin' Blues Awards Night

Wednesday March 23

District Music Fair - Virtual
New Staff Meeting
2022-23 Cheer Tryout Clinic
Girls' Basketball Awards Night

Thursday March 24

2021-22 Club Date
Varsity Girls Dive Topeka West Invite
2022-23 Cheer Tryout Clinic
Varsity Girls Swim @ Emporia
Boys' Basketball Awards Night

Friday March 25

Renaissance Breakfast
2022-23 Cheer Tryouts
JV Girls Soccer @ Wichita
Varsity Girls Soccer @ Wichita

Monday March 28

JV Softball Quad #1
2022-23 Dancin' Blues Tryout Meeting

Tuesday March 29

JV/V Boys Tennis "Too Big" Invite
Varsity Baseball @ Hayden
JV Baseball vs. Hayden
Varsity Softball vs. Hayden
V Girls' Soccer Tournament v. SMW
Jazz Concert

Wednesday March 30

Early Release - 45 Minutes
CTE Showcase
JV Track and Field @ Shawnee Heights

Thursday March 31

Varsity Girls Swim/Dive Topeka High Invite
Varsity Track and Field Jerry Beardslee Invite
JV Boys Tennis Topeka High Dual
C Team Baseball @ Manhattan
V Girls' Soccer Tournament v. OE