



WASHBURN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

# JUNIOR BLUES NEWSLETTER



## FEATURED STORY

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# From the Desk of Our Principal



Hello again,

As we wrap up the first 9-week grading period, I want to take a moment to reflect on the exciting start to our school year. There is a lot to celebrate, and we're looking forward to even more successes as we move forward. As both a parent in this district and as the principal of WRHS, I want to assure you that your child is receiving an excellent education. However, we know that for some students, learning can present challenges, and we're here to offer any support they might need. There is still plenty of time to address any concerns before the semester ends, and I'd like to share some helpful resources that are available.

One of the best tools for staying informed about your child's progress is our Parent Portal. It allows you to track grades, attendance, behavior, lunch account balances, and more. If you haven't yet activated your Parent Portal account, you can get your activation key by contacting my Administrative Assistant, Ms. Susan Kaspar, at 339-4104. She will gladly assist you with the process of getting started. The portal updates regularly, so it provides a real-time view of your child's performance. If you're noticing any areas of concern, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers for additional support.

Teachers are available before school starting at 7:30 AM and after school, typically until 3:30 PM, to provide extra help. Some teachers who also coach may not be available after school, but they are happy to schedule time with students before school. If you find that your child needs additional help, I would encourage you to contact your child's counselor. For your convenience, I have listed them below.

- **Leslie Fischer** (339-4117): Last names A-D
- **Keith Wetzel** (339-4116): Last names E-J
- **Emilio Chavez** (339-4103): Last names K-O
- **Michelle Pegram-Caporusso** (339-4911): Last names P-T
- **Marie Coates** (339-4118): Student Services
- **Marcie Frederickson** (339-4115): Last names U-Z, International Baccalaureate, Student Services-Gifted
- **Rylie Nelson** (339-4119): Alternative Education

Our counselors are ready to help in a variety of ways to ensure your child reaches their academic goals. If the extra help from teachers doesn't resolve the issue, your child may be referred to our Student Intervention Team (SIT). This team, which includes educational professionals and you as a parent, will review your child's progress and recommend tailored interventions. Most challenges can be addressed effectively through this process. If additional steps are necessary, our counselors will work with you to explore other options.

At WRHS, we are committed to helping every student reach their full potential. Please don't hesitate to let us know how we can support your child's success.

Best,

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

Ed Raines, Principal  
raineedw@usd437.net

# ◆ WRHS Counseling Office

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## [Counseling Website](#)

Crisis Hotline: 785-232-5005

Twitter Updates: @wrhsgo

Crisis Hotline: 785-232-5005

## [Counseling Department Staff](#)

### **Second Semester Schedule Changes**

In November, counselors will work to fill second semester gaps for grades 9-11. Students should email their counselor or write their name on the counselor's whiteboard to discuss scheduling concerns and issues. Please note that schedules are tentative until the first day of school.

### **Freshmen 4 Year Planning**

The Class of 2028 will create a tentative 4 year plan in Naviance during advisory. This is an important component of their Individual Plan of Study as mandated by the State of Kansas. Please note this is a tentative plan and will be revised during spring pre-enrollment. We encourage families to work together to create a plan which will help students set goals and aspire to maximize their potential. We hope students will explore our wide range of opportunities available including but not limited to: Career and Technical Education, Washburn Institute of Technology, Washburn University Dual Credit Courses, Honors and Advanced Placement Courses, and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

### **Senior Meetings**

During the month of October, counselors met individually with all seniors to discuss postsecondary planning. As we all know, the Class of 2025 is an impressive group of young people. Whether off to the military, workforce, technical college, college, or other pursuits, our students have ambitious goals and we look forward to watching them succeed. As the year progresses, please continue to reach out to your school counselor with questions regarding the transition beyond high school.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Many volunteer opportunities exist in Topeka. We encourage students to engage in our community and contribute to the many organizations in our community that invite teen volunteers to join them. A list of potential opportunities can be found [HERE](#).

### **Positive Relationships for Teens**

This American School Counselor Association recommends the CDC program [Dating Matters](#) for parents of teens. This program helps parents support healthy teenage dating relationships.

# DATING MATTERS®

STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE HEALTHY TEEN RELATIONSHIPS

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## Local Mental Health Services

 <p>Lilac Center</p>	<p><b>Lilac Center</b> 3630 SW Burlingame Rd. Topeka, KS 66611</p>	<p><a href="https://www.lilaccenter.org/">https://www.lilaccenter.org/</a></p> 	<p>785-337-0308</p>
 <p>FAMILY SERVICE &amp; GUIDANCE CENTER</p>	<p><b>Family Service and Guidance Center</b> 325 S.W. Frazier Ave. Topeka, KS 66606</p>	<p><a href="https://www.fsgctopeka.com/">https://www.fsgctopeka.com/</a></p> 	<p><b>FSGC Crisis Services</b> 24 hours a day/7 days a week</p> <p>785-232-5005</p>
	<p><b>Stormont Vail Behavioral Health Outpatient Services</b> 3707 SW 6th Ave, Topeka, KS 66606</p>	<p><a href="https://www.stormontvail.org/primary-care/behavioral-health-outpatient/">https://www.stormontvail.org/ primary-care/behavioral-health- h-outpatient/</a></p> 	<p>785 270-4600</p>
	<p><b>Florence Crittenton</b> 5423 SW 7th Street Topeka, KS 66606</p>	<p><a href="https://flocritkansas.org/programs/outpatient-treatment/">https://flocritkansas.org/progr ams/outpatient-treatment/</a></p> 	<p>785-233-0516</p>
	<p><b>Washburn University Child &amp; Adolescent Clinic</b> 1700 SW College Ave. Topeka, KS 66621</p>	<p><a href="https://www.washburn.edu/academics/college-schools/arts-sciences/psychology/psychological-clinic/Clinic-Child.html">https://www.washburn.edu/ac ademics/college-schools/arts-s- ciences/psychology/psychologi cal-clinic/Clinic-Child.html</a></p> 	<p>785-670-1750</p>

# Washburn Rural High School Care Closet

Your counselor can help with:



Coats,  
Shoes,  
Clothing



Hygiene Products  
Like Deodorant,  
Soap, Toothbrush,  
Femine Products



Food Supplies  
& Free/Reduced  
Lunch Forms

WRHS  
Counselors



SCAN ME

Reach out for items  
included or any other  
hardship you need help  
navigating

Cost  
for  
exams  
like  
PSAT  
or ACT



**Free Academic Assistance**

# **AFTER SCHOOL LABS**

## **Library**

- **English**
- **Math**
- **Science**
- **Social Studies**

## **Room E554**

- **AF-JROTC**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:05-4:15pm**

**Need a ride home?**

**Sign-Up in the Main Office for Transportation  
Before or during lunch**

# ◆ AFJROTC

The last month has been super busy for AFJROTC staff and students. We volunteered over 500 hours, took two great curriculum in action trips and participated in 4 different fundraising activities. And we also began our marksmanship season.

AFJROTC cadets volunteered at Jay Shideler, McCarter, and Wanamaker elementary schools. Cadets ran bounce houses and carnival games at all three schools.

Cadets provided for the financial future of the corps by working concession stands, cleaning the football stadium and conducting a Vertical Raise online giving campaign.

AFJROTC proves that learning can also be fun as cadets met the USAF Thunderbirds and toured their aircraft. 42 cadets flew a four hour mission with the 190th Air Refueling Wing. Refueling three bomber aircraft during the trip.



And finally, marksmanship season began at the end of September. The marksmanship team is currently 0-2 but, competed against the number 1 and number 2 teams in the distinguished division of our league. All in all it has been a busy and rewarding start to the school year for AFJROTC.



# ◆ Career and Technical Education

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The 50,000-square-foot center is part of an ongoing series of construction and renovation projects taking place across the Auburn-Washburn district to enhance the student learning experience. WRHS currently offers 18 career-focused Pathway programs approved by the [Kansas State Department of Education](#). A remarkable 75 percent of students will take at least one Pathway course during their time at the high school. Nine of the Pathway programs – Animal Science; Comprehensive Agriculture; Power, Structural & Technical Systems; Construction & Design: Construction; Construction & Design: Design; Digital Media; Biomedical; Restaurant & Event Management; and Programming & Software — are housed in the new Innovation Center.

That future is one of constant transformation. According to the Georgetown Workforce Study, 70 percent of jobs will require specialized skills by 2031, but only 35 percent of those jobs will require a four-year degree.

[Click here](#) to view more pictures of the new Innovation Center.

# ◆ Career and Technical Education

## Featured Career Cluster Information Technology Pathway:

### Programming & Software Development

#### The Mission of Information Technology Education:

To build linkages to Information Technology occupations for entry level, technical, and professional careers related to the design, development, support and management of hardware, software, multimedia, communication, and systems integration services.

#### To Accomplish this Mission:

The complete Information Technology education program will support students:

- Through high quality classroom and laboratory instruction
- Development of premier leadership, personal growth, and career success
- Enhanced opportunity to build career skills

They aspire for excellence as they recruit, prepare and encourage individuals to pursue life skills through Information Technology education. They serve the community and inform them about Information Technology, the needs, opportunities and challenges, as well as provide lifelong career skills.

Information Technology programs will respond to community needs and Kansas' IT needs. It should prepare students to enter the workforce and to participate as leaders, innovators, and managers in a global economy.

## Events students are attending or putting on this school year, 2024-25:

- October 23rd - KU High School Design Competition (2 students)
- November 6th - K-State High School Programming Contest (19 students)
- December 3rd - STEAM Carnival (Open to all K-8 students in USD 437)
- March / April - Binary Bingo (Date TBD)
- June - Summer Coding Camp (Date TBD)

## 2024 CTE Teacher Grants Received!

The following CTE teachers applied and were awarded grant funding:

### Haley Schmitz

A30 Drawing Tables for Game Design - Students in game design will be able to use the tables to draw assets needed for their games. Micro:bit Pack - This has multiple uses throughout the program. They can be used with our RVR+ robots and can be individually coded as well through many resources.

### Melissa Criner

Greenhouse Supplies Startup cost for the Greenhouse which included seeds, plants, soil, containers, in preparation to give students the opportunity to produce and have a greenhouse plant sale in the spring. Hopefully this will lead to an expansion of a class to offer Greenhouse Management.



# Career and Technical Education

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## Career and College Preparation

Career Technical Education (CTE) is a valuable enhancement to traditional classroom learning. It allows students to gain knowledge and hands-on experience about specific career pathways. With an emphasis on helping students be prepared to be successful in high-wage, high-demand careers, Pathways are designed to move along a continuum of career awareness, career exploration, and career readiness. WRHS offers fifteen Career Pathways. Learn more at [wrhs.net/cte](http://wrhs.net/cte)

Work-based learning provides high school students with valuable hands-on experience and exposure to real-world work environments. By participating in job shadow experiences or internships, students have the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills they learn in the classroom to practical situations. This practical experience helps students develop a deeper understanding of a career field, gain valuable industry-specific skills, and build professional networks. Work-based learning prepares high school students by equipping them with the necessary skills, knowledge, and confidence to succeed in the workforce after graduation.

This semester there are 17 WRHS students working in the community from the following pathways: Education, Agricultural, Finance, Marketing, and Health/BioMedical/BioChemistry. Workplace Experience is also offered “In-house” with our school businesses, Common Grounds, The Shack, WRHS Bank. Students are gaining real world experiences while operating the businesses here at school while working with our community partners.

## WRHS offers Certificates and Industry Recognized Credentials in several pathways

[YouScience](#) is a valuable tool for classrooms that helps students explore their interests, skills, and potential career paths. It provides personalized assessments and career recommendations based on a student's aptitudes and interests. With YouScience, students can make more informed decisions about their future education and career choices, leading to greater engagement and success in the classroom.

[NCCER](#), or the National Center for Construction Education and Research, offers industry-recognized credentials for high school students in construction-related fields. By participating in NCCER programs, high school students can gain valuable skills and knowledge that prepare them for careers in construction and related industries. NCCER certifications provide students with a competitive edge in the job market and open doors to a wide range of opportunities in the construction industry. Students are eligible to participate this semester.

The Culinary Arts students take the [ServSafe](#) Food Handler and Manager exams in the culinary course. These exams verify that a manager or person-in-charge has sufficient food safety knowledge to protect the public from food borne illness, ensures proper personal hygiene, prevents cross-contamination, controls time and temperature when handling food, and proper cleaning and sanitizing.

[Paraeducator Certificate](#) This Program offers statewide standards-based training for all paraeducators, and supports a career growth ladder that prepares students for employment as a paraeducator or moving forward with their post secondary plans in Education.

[Excel in CTE](#) was launched in 2012 as a plan to enhance career technical education in Kansas and better prepare high school students for college and careers. Kansas high school students qualify for state-funded college tuition in approved technical courses offered by Kansas technical and community colleges. WRHS students have the opportunity to attend [Washburn Tech](#) as part of their regular school day, or they may elect to take online courses outside of school hours.

# ◆ Career and Technical Education

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## Resources

Naviance, [Pathful](#), and YouScience are resources available to all students and can help students explore career options, employment trends in those industries, and the training or education needed.

## Community Partners

Advisory Committees assist in the development and operation of the CTE cluster/pathway by keeping instructors up to date on industry standards and trends. They also provide students the opportunity to build a professional network and may offer job shadow experiences or internships. Interested in serving on one of our Advisory Boards please contact Teresa Golden [goldeter@usd437.net](mailto:goldeter@usd437.net)

## For Sale!

[Dog houses](#) and a [garden shed](#) are for sale built by WRHS Construction and Design students.

**Registration NOW OPEN for the January 30, 2025 Kansas Virtual Health Care Career Day!**



Registration is live for the 2025 Virtual Health Care Career Day, and we would love to have you join us for our 2025 event on January 30, 2025. The Kansas Hospital Association, Kansas State Department of Education, and Kansas Board of Regents have partnered again this year to organize this 2025 event.

[Click here to register for this free event.](#)

[Click here for the event flier with the agenda for the day.](#)

This event is entirely virtual and will be hosted on Zoom. Zoom instructions will be sent out a week prior to the event. Some schools choose to participate through health science classes, others broadcast to an open cafeteria, auditorium, or resource room for all students. You can even encourage students to register to watch from their individual devices. Join specific segments or attend the full event.

The Kansas Virtual Health Care Career Day takes students inside Kansas hospitals to learn about the many career opportunities available in health care and engage them in real world learning. Various health care providers will deliver insight into career fields including family practice medicine, critical care nursing, behavioral health, occupational therapy, health IT/cybersecurity, respiratory therapy, facilities management, and pharmacy. With February being Career and Technical Education Month, this event is a great way to kick off CTE month by providing students an opportunity to learn more about careers in a very in-demand industry! All education levels are invited to join this free event on **January 30, 2025, from 9:00am-12:30pm.**

# WRHS BANK

## FINANCIAL PLANNING

### FOR TEENAGERS



### CREATING A BUDGET

A budget is like a plan for your money. You decide how much to spend on things like rent, food, and fun. This way, you won't spend too much and run out of money.

TIP 1

### BUILDING AN EMERGENCY FUND

Creating an emergency fund is crucial for your future financial success. You should have at least three to six months' worth of expenses saved.



TIP 2

### SAVING

Save some of your money for the future. It's like putting your money in a piggy bank. You can also invest your money, which means making it grow over time. We currently offer 4.5% on our savings accounts!



TIP 3

**STOP BY THE WRHS BANK DURING LUNCH TO JOIN OUR JR. BLUE CREW!**

# FALL INTO GIVING



## PRE - ORDER NOW!

All proceeds  
donated to  
**WRHS**  
Sources of  
Strength



**GARMENTS AVAILABLE BY NOVEMBER**

[HTTPS://RURALSPIRIT.SQUARE.SITE/FALL-INTO-GIVING](https://ruralspirit.square.site/fall-into-giving)

THE SHACK'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

# FALL INTO GIVING

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

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## *DONATION ITEMS*

Peanut Butter - Canned Corn - Canned  
Green Beans - Youth Hats and Gloves -  
KIDS Board Games

**DONATION DROP OFF @ THE SHACK**

**DONATIONS GO TO IMPACT TOPEKA**



# Mindful

# MOCHA

@ Common Grounds!

Purchase a “Mindful Mocha”  
and leave a message of  
gratitude and/or mindfulness  
to be displayed in our  
“Gratitude Garland”



CRISIS SUPPORT

**988**  
SUICIDE  
& CRISIS  
LIFELINE

Call or Text

17

Mental Health  
Resources

SCAN ME



# WRHS Computer Science

## STEAM Carnival

Washburn Rural High School's Computer Science Honor Society (CSHS) is celebrating Computer Science Education Week by offering a FREE event to USD 437's elementary students!

This event is catered to students grades K-6 in the Auburn-Washburn School District, but open to students through grade 8. There is no prior coding experience required for students to enter. Students will have an array of activities and carnival games available for them to rotate through over the course of the evening. Parents are invited to go to the stations with students as they explore STEAM activities. There will be some small prizes or learning information for students to take with them at each carnival game and a couple larger prizes that will be raffled off.

## Our Socials!

 @wrhs\_cshs

 Coming soon!

 Coming soon!



*Sign up!*

## Get in touch!

- Mrs. Haley Schmitz - CSHS Chapter Leader
  - schmihal@usd437.net
- Max Kuhlmann - Co-President
  - kuhlmax@usd437.net
- Parker Williams - Co-President
  - willipar@usd437.net
- Grayson Huey - Newsletter Manager
  - hueygra@usd437.net

# Join Unified Sports



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**LEARN MORE AT CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**

**Bowling · Basketball · Bocce Ball · Soccer**

Questions?

Contact: [sippbro@usd437.net](mailto:sippbro@usd437.net)





# BUY YOUR YEARBOOK LIKE, NOW

**YEARBOOKS ON SALE  
ORDER TODAY**

**YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM**

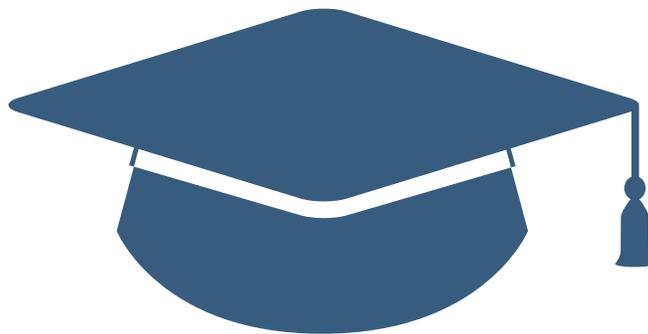
Keep your order number handy when you log on.

Washburn Rural High School

**33333**

**CLASS OF 2025  
MAKE PLANS TO TAKE YOUR**

*Senior  
Portraits*



**THE DEADLINE FOR PORTRAIT  
SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY, DEC. 6TH**

Questions? Call WRHS Journalism @ 339-4252  
*See the next page for more details*

# SENIOR PORTRAITS

## Senior Portrait Specifications for Yearbook

The WRHS Yearbook staff encourages every senior to submit a senior portrait for the "People Section" of the yearbook. Portraits are due on/before the **first Friday in December**.

### **OPTION #1: Inter-State Studios**

Inter-State is the school's portrait photographer. During enrollment & on retake dates seniors may take a senior portrait at no charge to the student. The yearbook staff will have access to these images.

### **OPTION #2: Select Your Photographer & Submit Your Image**

Seniors complete this option on their own.

All images are sent electronically.

Please send the ORIGINAL (uncropped) file in JPEG format.

Email Subject: Student's first & last name.

Send your portrait file to:

**[wrhsporraits@usd437.net](mailto:wrhsporraits@usd437.net)**

(Important: send Senior Salute images in a separate email to [wrhssalutes@usd437.net](mailto:wrhssalutes@usd437.net))

While most major photography studios in the area already have these specifications, please have your photographer send a digital file that matches the following:

- Head-and-shoulders shots are preferred.
- Attire must follow school handbook.
- Plain backgrounds preferred.
- No studio imprint (I.D.)/watermark on portrait.
- Photos must be vertical (or they will be cropped to fit a vertical space).

- *Special note to photographers:*

Digital images must be 300 dpi. They can be submitted on CD or emailed to us at:

# **[wrhsporraits@usd437.net](mailto:wrhsporraits@usd437.net)**

Please note: We will post a list of seniors who HAVE turned in portraits after the deadline. The list will be posted outside the Counseling Office and announcements will be made. **Seniors are responsible** for checking the list to make sure portraits have been delivered and received by the yearbook staff.

**We cannot be responsible if we do not receive your photo.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the WRHS Journalism Department at 339-4252.

**Don't forget the December Deadline! (first Friday)**  
Questions? Call WRHS Journalism 339-4252 or email: **[wrhsporraits@usd437.net](mailto:wrhsporraits@usd437.net)**

# WRHS Yearbook

# Senior Salutes

It's Your Child's Senior Year!

Here's your opportunity to purchase senior salute space in the yearbook.

Senior salutes are spaces for parents, grandparents and friends to congratulate, honor and recognize their senior with photo(s) and text.

Salute sizes range from 1/8 of a page to a full page and are available in color or black & white. Custom designs can be submitted (as a JPEG), or you may choose from one of the prepared layouts on the attached pages.

To order a salute: (1) detach and fill out the form below.

(2) gather your pictures.

\*Do not cut photos.

\*Do not submit wallet-sized senior pictures: (these often have a texture on them which makes them difficult to scan) please contact your photographer and have senior salute portraits emailed to:

[wrhssalutes@usd437.net](mailto:wrhssalutes@usd437.net)

(3) Based on your layout selection, write the appropriate amount of text you'd like to appear in the salute space. (Please limit any quoted text to 4 lines or 10% of original material. No song lyrics will be printed.)

**Two Ways to Send:** (Option 1): Mail these items to WRHS Journalism Department, Attention: Senior Salutes, 5900 SW 61st Street, Topeka, KS 66619. **If you'd like the pictures returned, simply include a self-addressed and stamped envelope, and we'll send your photos when the salute is complete.**

(Option 2): If all of your content (photos & text) is digital, email content + order form to [wrhssalutes@usd437.net](mailto:wrhssalutes@usd437.net)

\*Photos MUST be high resolution scans: 300 dpi - if not, mail original images.

**Payments must be mailed or delivered to WRHS prior to the deadline.**

**Hurry, space is limited!**  
**Salutes and/or payments submitted after the deadline may not be published.**  
**Salute deadline: first Friday in December**

## Yearbook Salute Order Form

**Purchase Information - (Salutes will not be printed until payment is received.)**

Buyer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (in case we have questions)

Buyer's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (so we can send you a salute proof when completed.)

Payment Type:      Cash    or    Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (to WRHS Yearbook)

### Salute Size & Color

(check size & circle layout letter - sample layouts included)

#### Black & White Salute Space

\_\_\_\_ 1/8 Page \$50      Layout: A B C D (circle)

\_\_\_\_ 1/4 Page \$100      Layout: E F

\_\_\_\_ Half Page \$200      Layout: G H I J

\_\_\_\_ Full Page \$300      Layout: K L

#### Color Salute Space

\_\_\_\_ 1/8 Page \$100      Layout: A B C D (circle)

\_\_\_\_ 1/4 Page \$200      Layout: E F

\_\_\_\_ Half Page \$300      Layout: G H I J

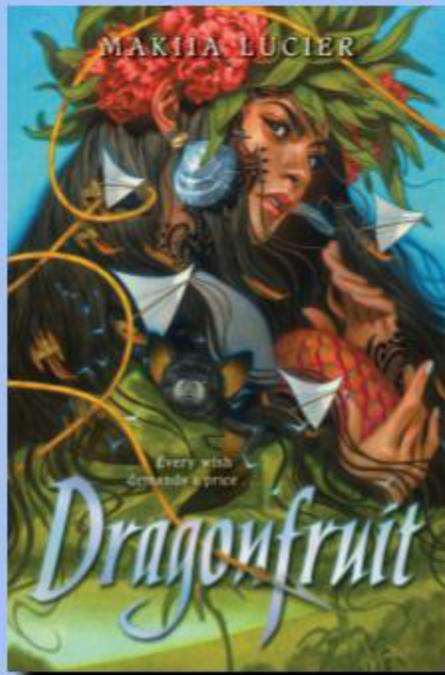
\_\_\_\_ Full Page \$400      Layout: K L

**Salute Deadline:  
first Friday in Dec.**

Questions? Please call 339.4252  
 or email: [wrhssalutes@usd437.net](mailto:wrhssalutes@usd437.net)

# Mrs. Finney's Monthly YA Book Recommendation

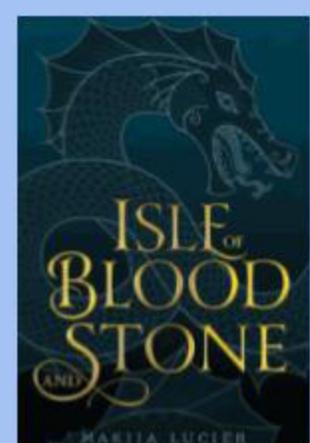
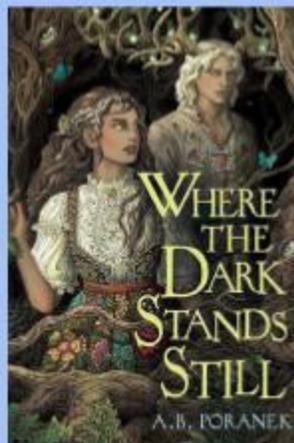
November 2024



*Dragonfruit*  
By Makiia Lucier  
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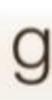
This cozy, low stakes fantasy, inspired by the Pacific Islands, follows Hanalei: once a cherished daughter of a honorable island family, now exiled after her father stole from the queen to save her life. Now she spends her days studying sea dragons, but when fate brings Hanalei home again, she must help her childhood best friend hunt one of her beloved dragons in an attempt to find a cure for the ailing princess.

*Similar Titles Include:*



Connect with us @wrhslib for:

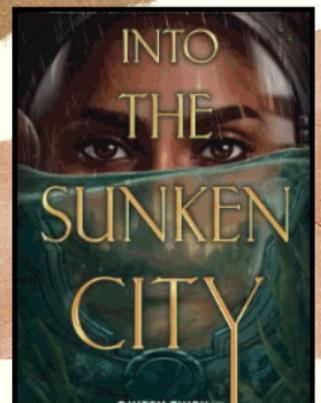
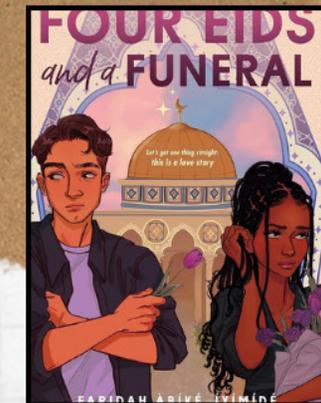
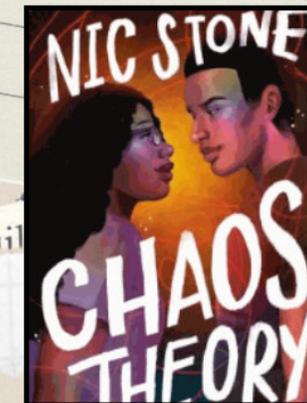
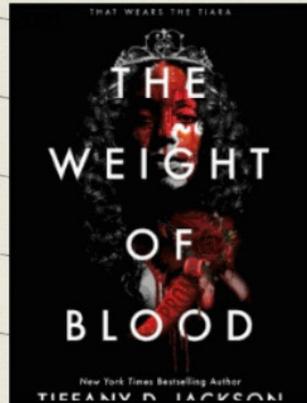
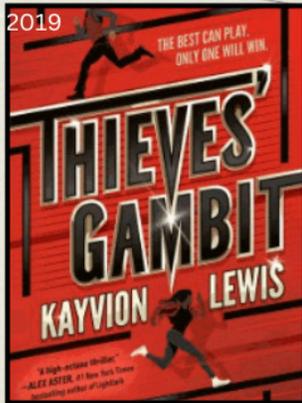
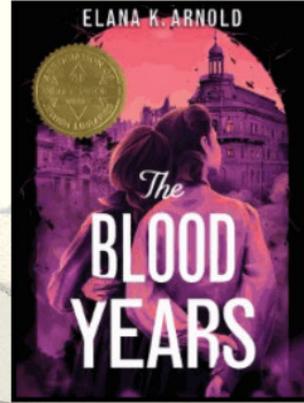
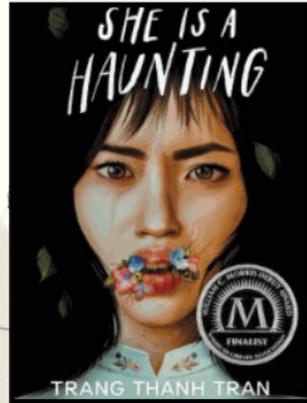
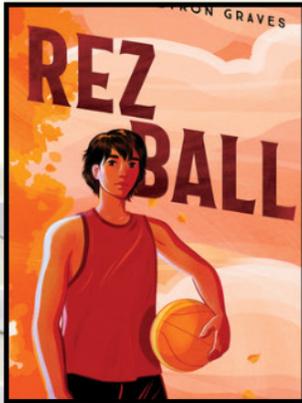
- technology support
- homework help
- reading recommendations
- area job openings
- school activities and more



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# 2025 March Book Madness Selections



READ WITH FINNEY

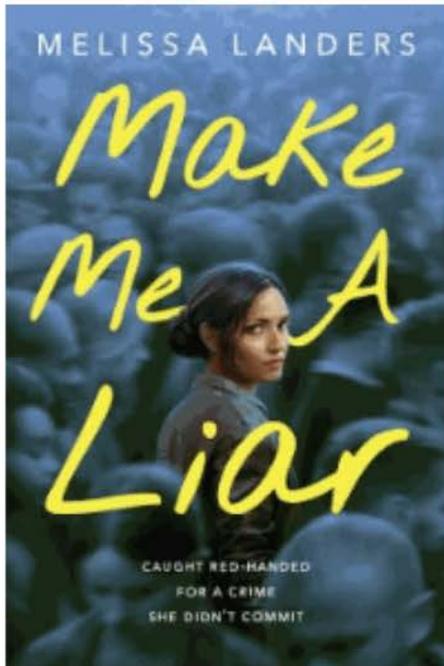
Open to  
all  
students  
& staff!

# BOOK CLUB



1st Meeting Title:

*Make Me a Liar* (2023) by: Melissa Landers  
KNEA Reading Circle 2024 Senior Starred Pick  
Mystery - SciFi



**Where?** WRHS Library - Before School and/or Advisory

**When?** Monday, November 18th

**Who?** Book club is open to ALL WRHS Students & Staff. BUT, The 1st 10 Students to sign up here will get a FREE copy of the book to keep!



<https://bit.ly/readwithfinney>

Follow along on WRHS Socials as Finney reads *Make Me a Liar*, then show up for our in person discussion!





GALE IN CONTEXT: SCIENCE

# EXPERIMENTS AND SIMULATIONS GUIDE

GALE IN CONTEXT

SCIENCE

- ▶ Features more than 200 entries with 350+ hands-on experiments and projects
- ▶ Includes 330+ interactive simulations

“Interactive online testing has recently increased the demand for science educators to offer more interactive and virtual science resources, and this database meets this demand and more . . . highly recommended.”

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## BRING SCIENCE TO LIFE

### TAKE INSTRUCTION TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Science departments have a unique need for up-to-date, online materials to keep pace with an ever-changing curriculum. *Gale In Context: Science* answers the call with contextual information on hundreds of today’s most significant science topics, supporting Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and state science standards.

### OPT FOR A HANDS-ON APPROACH

Gale resources are known for their rich, in-depth reference and multimedia materials, but it doesn’t stop there. *Gale In Context: Science* allows you and your students to go beyond research projects. From the terminal velocity of a skydiver to the greenhouse effect, there are hundreds of experiments and interactive simulations to complement everyday assignments—right at your fingertips!

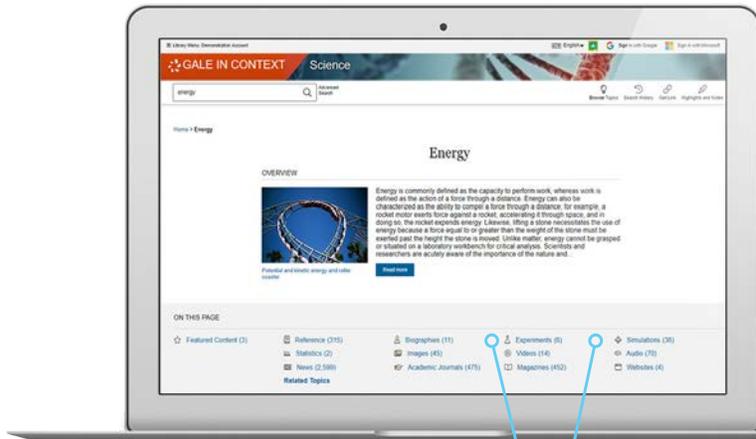


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# FIND EXPERIMENTS AND SIMULATIONS

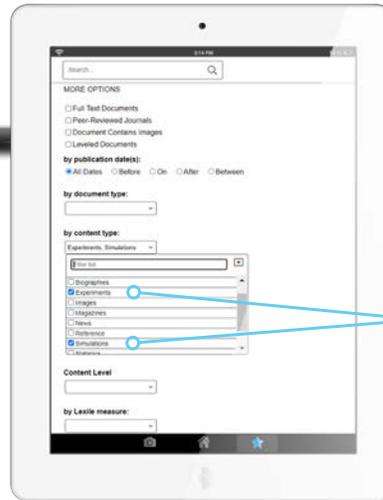


Screen capture as of October 2020.  
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Filter by Experiments and/or Simulations on a **topic portal page**.

**Experiments** are hands-on, physical activities that students can perform in the classroom or at home with a list of materials needed.

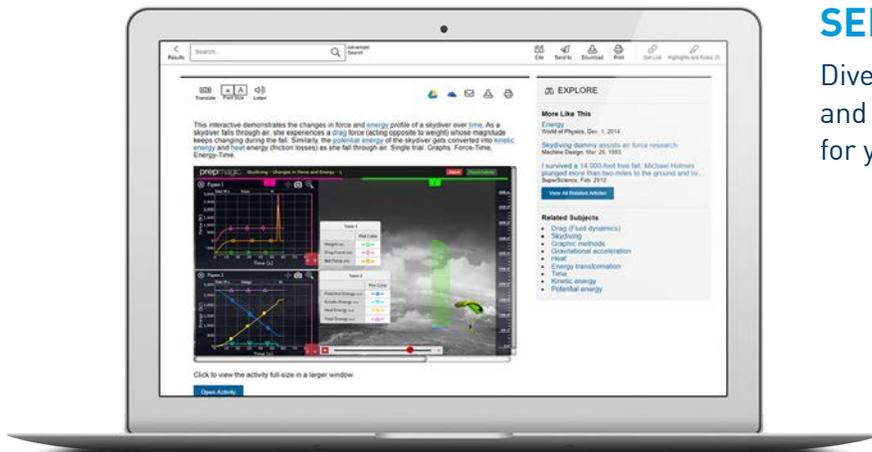
**Simulations** engage students online by allowing them to run a scenario, change the variables, and run it again to compare results, all within *Gale In Context: Science*.



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Limit results by content type, and select Experiments and/or Simulations via **Advanced Search**.

# EXPLORE CONTENT ABOUT PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, METEOROLOGY, AND MORE



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## SEE FOR YOURSELF

Dive into some of our most popular experiments and simulations to discover how they can work for your students.

Find **hands-on experiments** about:

- Air and water pollution
- Chemical energy
- DNA

Explore **interactive simulations** about:

- Prey-predator population model
- Elastic collision
- Doppler effect

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# Public Library Support and Resources for High School Students

TSCPL @ School

## TSCPL @ School

Resources for Students

Test Proctoring

How it works

How to participate



If you are a student at a participating Shawnee County school, you already have a library card! That means you can check out books, movies, & digital resources like online databases, digital ebooks, digital audio and streaming videos!

For most schools, your student number now works as a library card number. **It's your very own library card!**

### Get your Homework done faster and easier!

You can access our electronic resources 24/7! Find great books to read, download or stream. Or visit the library to use the internet, print or check out a book to read. We even have a [growing collection of apps](#) to download to your mobile device.

What are you waiting for? There is an entire library for you to explore and you already have access.

## How it works

Your library card is your school district number followed by your student ID number. You'll also need your PIN to check out library materials and access digital resources. Your initial PIN is your graduation year. If you have trouble logging in, ask your school librarian or contact us at [school@tscpl.libanswers.com](mailto:school@tscpl.libanswers.com), call [785-580-4400](tel:785-580-4400) or text [785-322-4099](tel:785-322-4099).

School Districts	Prefix + Student ID	Library Card
Seaman	345 + 123456	345123456
Auburn-Washburn	437 + 123456	437123456
Shawnee Heights	450 + 123456	450123456
Topeka Public	501 + 123456	501123456

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# Blues Backers

WASHBURN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Discover your place  
in our journey



## Our Mission Objectives:

To help WRHS establish and maintain a proud image by supporting staff and students' extracurricular activities.

The PTO contributes volunteer time and money to Washburn Rural High School as requested and approved by the Board.

The PTO offers WRHS teams, clubs, and activity groups additional opportunities to generate funds through the concession stands.



WRHS-PTO

*Interested in  
connecting  
with us?*  
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Or scan QR code  
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Washburn Rural Blues Backers

Website

<https://bluesbackers.my.canva.site/wrhs-pto-website>



## **NEXT PTO MEETING**

November 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm to 7:30pm

WRHS Library

## **UPCOMING PTO SPONSORED EVENT**

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

PTO/Conference Meal

## **COME JOIN US FOR THE POST PROM MEETING**

October 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:30pm to 7:30pm

WRHS – Entrance located  
at the Circle Drive

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AT BOARD MEETINGS! YOUR INPUT TRULY MAKES  
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**[HTTPS://USD437.NET/WRHS/PTO](https://USD437.NET/WRHS/PTO)**



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