



Junior Blues News



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Information

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!

On behalf of the staff and administration of Washburn Rural High School, I am excited to extend to you our best wishes for a productive and exciting new school year. Let me assure you that the educational opportunities for students at WRHS are excellent, both by reputation and by the measured accomplishments of our students.

We enjoy one of the best reputations of any public high school in the State of Kansas! Last year, for example, we produced four National Merit Finalists or Semi-Finalists, and three National Merit Commended Scholars!

For those of you following the life of our school, you also know of our athletic and extracurricular successes last year. We were the State Champions in 4-Speaker Debate, Cheer, Boys' Wrestling and Girls' Wrestling; we were the Regional Champions in Boys' Soccer, Boys' Wrestling, Girls' Wrestling, Boys' Bowling, Girls' Bowling, Boys' Golf, Girls' Soccer, Softball, and Baseball; we had several State Wrestling Champs, Jonathan Morrison-Boys' 106 lb. weight division, Jacob Tangpricha-Boys' 113 lb. weight division, Bishop Murray-Boys' 120 lb. weight division, Rebekah Smith-Girls' 155 lb. weight division, and Dajia Anderson-Girls' 191 lb. weight division; we had two State Track and Field Champs, Zsamar Sipple – 6A LJ and Marquel Russell – 6A 110 HH; we were the 2020-21 Centennial League Champions Boys' Soccer, Boys' Swim and Dive, Boys' Wrestling, Girls' Wrestling, Boys' Golf, Girls' Swim and Dive, Girls' Soccer, and Baseball; and, we were the Sub-State champions in Volleyball.

Our extra-curricular and co-curricular programs continue to flourish. Our Air Force JROTC unit completed over 1000 hours of community service and continued to support the local community by presenting colors at numerous events. The WRHS Music Department is planning a trip to Orlando, Florida in March of 2022. It will be the first time our music department will travel together. All three groups are planning to perform at Walt Disney World. Our Debate and Forensics squads won close to 500 team and individual awards. Our Debate program is ranked 12th in the nation in terms of our chapter strength (a combination of number of competitors and success) with the National Speech and Debate Association. Our cheerleaders were State Champs in the KSHSAA Game Day Cheer Showcase and Competition; the Dancin' Blues were State Runners Up at the same event in the Dance division.

Our staff received numerous awards throughout this past year: Kevin Bordewick was named the National Federation of State High School Associations, National Volleyball Coach of the Year, Damon Parker was named the National Federation of State High School Associations, Midwest Section Girls Other – Wrestling Coach of the Year; Matt Swedlund was named 6A Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year; and Jay Mastin was named the 6A Baseball Coach of the Year. The parents, staff, students and community which WRHS serves have much to be proud of. It was a truly exciting year!

In the coming year, I invite you to become a partner with us in your child's education, and in doing so, learn more about their "home away from home" - Washburn Rural High School. Attend their athletic events. Go to their concerts. Ask them about their school work. Talk with their teachers. Ask how you can volunteer in our building. By developing a deeper understanding of all that is available to your students at WRHS, you will help us to unlock the extraordinary potential within each one of them.

We look forward to the upcoming year with great hope and an unwavering belief in the promise of our young people. We wish all of you the very best! If we can ever be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Raines". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Ed Raines, Principal
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◆ WRHS Counseling Office

2021-2022 Student Schedules

The student schedules will be viewable on Campus Portal in the beginning of July. Counselors will be available during registration in the fall to make changes, fill gaps, etc. Counselors will not be making changes until this time period. During registration, counselors will be making **first semester changes only**. Second semester changes will be made in November and families should not stand in line during registration for a second semester request. Seniors are encouraged to wait to see their own counselor.

Transcript Requests

Seniors: If you plan to attend a college (technical, two year, four year), a final high school transcript will be required to enroll. Transcript requests are made via Parchment at www.parchment.com. Transcripts requested after June 30 will incur a \$4 fee.

Juniors: If you are planning to apply this summer to a college, you will be asked to submit your transcript. You can make this request at www.parchment.com.

Washburn University Concurrent Enrollment

WRHS offers several concurrent enrollment courses including US History, Freshman Composition 1, Intro to Literature, College Algebra, Public Speaking, Biology, Advanced Accounting, and Consumer & Personal Finance. Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA; the course fee is around \$450 per class. For College Algebra, students must also achieve a score of 22 or higher on the ACT Math or the equivalent ACCUPLACER exam score. Students enrolled in College Algebra were invited to a Google Classroom regarding the math exam information.

College Visits

This summer, 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>.

ACT Exam

National ACT: Students in the Class of 2022 who plan to attend college may need to take or retake the ACT in July, September and/or October. Families are encouraged to review current admission and scholarship requirements to determine whether the ACT is necessary for a particular college. Students can register at www.actstudent.org for the ACT or www.collegeboard.com for the SAT.

State ACT: The state-sponsored ACT will not be offered to the Class of 2023. Students will register for the National ACT exam administration second semester of junior year.

Summer Activities for High School Students

Not sure how to spend your summer? The counseling website includes a list of local [volunteer opportunities](#). Interested in something besides volunteering? This article gives several ideas on ways to make the most of your summer. <https://blog.collegevine.com/50-summer-activities-for-high-school-students/>

Backpack donations

The counseling department stocks school supplies and backpacks for students in need. We have depleted our resources and will need to restock next year. Please consider donating gently used or new backpacks to our office. Thank you!



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- ADHD
- ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE
- ANXIETY
- BREAKUPS
- BULLYING
- CUTTING AND SELF-HARM
- DEPRESSION
- EATING DISORDERS
- FAMILY OR RELATIONSHIP STRESS
- GRIEF
- LGBTQ+ ISSUES
- LONELINESS

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THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF *Talking to Teens About Vaping*



Conversation Starters:

- “Would it be okay if we talked about vaping?”
- “Tell me what you know about vaping.”
- “Why do you vape?” AND “What do you not like about vaping?”
- If providing factual information, ask, “What do you make of that?”
 - For example: “Youth who vape are more likely to go on and smoke cigarettes. What do you make of that?”

Do:



- Listen twice as much as you speak, use three reflections for every question.
- Encourage an open dialogue.
- Ask open-ended questions and reflect on those responses, make the teen feel heard.

Don't:



- Criticize or try to instill guilt.
- Turn the conversation into a lecture.
 - Focusing on facts is less effective and can lead to teens digging in their heels.
- Use scare tactics
- Try to answer questions you don't know the answer to, look the answer up together!

◆ Registration Information

Online Registration (ORL):

Auburn-Washburn has created a way to make back-to-school time easier for parents. Parents can log in to their [Infinite Campus \(IC\)](#) portal account and begin the process. This is the same on-line tool that parents use to check grades, manage fees, etc. Parents of returning students who have not yet established an IC account can find instructions at the same link.

Parents of students new to the district can go through OLR without a portal account by using the link from the district home page (www.usd437.net). New students will need to provide immunization records, birth certificate, and proof of residency before they can be enrolled. These documents can be provided throughout the summer at the administrative office or during an enrollment session.

Completing OLR prior to the enrollment sessions may greatly reduce the amount of time needed or eliminate the need to come to enrollment altogether, especially at the elementary level.

After completing the OLR, you will be notified by e-mail of the status of your registration and receive guidance if you will need to attend. Enrollment fees will be posted on your Infinite Campus account sometime during July, pending board approval. These can then be paid on-line at any time using a credit card, debit card, or bank account.

Online Registration should take 10 to 30 minutes depending on your situation, number of children, etc. The registration process can be stopped after you begin and resumed at a later time or day, without losing any of the data entered to that point.

To make the process easier, it would be good to have the following information at hand when you begin the process: special medical instructions or information the school needs to know about your child, physician's contact information, and your child's emergency contact information.

Assistance with Online Registration will be available throughout the summer by calling the OLR hotline at 339-4955 between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

Online Registration Quick Info:

- Parents of returning students can begin the process immediately through [Infinite Campus](#).
- Parents of returning students without IC accounts can contact their child's school.
- New students can go through the OLR process via www.usd437.net enrollment but will need to provide some documentation before enrollment is official.
- OLR should take 10-30 minutes.
- Enrollment fees will be posted to Infinite Campus on July 8th pending board approval.
- An OLR hot-line is available at 339-4955.

Please complete registration before you arrive, it does save time! If you are unable to complete on-line registration, computer stations will be available at enrollment.

Go on-line any time to register for school and reduce or eliminate your need for time at an enrollment session!

Online Registration Open Now

◆ Enrollment Information

New Families

Start the process at www.usd437.net. Look for the Registration Link. New families must complete the registration and enrollment process by contacting their school.

Returning Families

Log in to your [Campus Portal](#) account and go to the Inbox to get started.

Completing the Process

After registering on-line you will receive e-mails confirming:

1. Submission of Online Registration
2. Acceptance of Registration

This message will let you know what you need to do, if anything, to complete the process.

Any paper forms or documents required to complete your registration may be submitted during enrollment sessions or during the summer at the Auburn-Washburn district office Monday-Thursday between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

Free & Reduced meal applications can be downloaded on-line at www.usd437.net starting sometime in July.

Health forms and immunization requirements are available on-line at <https://usd437.net/about/health.html>.

Walk-in registration will be held August 2-3 between 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at WRHS for ALL returning families to complete the process if needed and for all those who don't register on-line.

Paying Fees

Fees can be paid on-line through your [portal account](#) starting sometime during July using credit/debit card or bank account. Fees can also be paid during enrollment sessions.

Questions?

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Textbook Rental - \$125.00; Parking Permit - \$25.00

All fees are due at the time of enrollment. RETURNED CHECKS: Checks returned for any reason are sent directly to a collection agency-attorney for collection. A collection agency-attorney does add a service fee to the amount of the check. The total amount of the check and service fee may be electronically debited from your checking account by a collection agency-attorney.

Breakfast and Lunch:

Breakfast is served at the high school from 6:50 A.M. to 7:50 A.M. Schools across the U.S. are able to continue offering free meals to students and any children ages 1 to 18 through the entire 2021-2022 school year provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Student Parking Information

Student drivers entering grades 10-12 have the opportunity to pre-purchase their parking permits this year. Students are required to complete the attached Google form no later than July 29th and must be picked up during walk-in registration in order to be eligible to park on campus the first week of school. Properly licensed 9th-grade student drivers must request a permit in person at the reception office, which can also be done during walk-in registration. <https://forms.gle/J8TzTwGAeWLeeXSPA>



◆ Enrollment Information

HEALTH INFORMATION FOR PARENTS 2021-2022

All students enrolling in USD 437 shall present or have on file certification from a physician or local health department stating that they have received the tests and inoculations that are deemed necessary by State law (KSA 72-5209). A student not having completed the necessary tests and inoculations may be excluded from school until the proper certification is obtained.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

1. Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTap): five doses required. Four doses acceptable if dose 4 given on or after the 4th birthday. A single dose of Tdap is required at grades 7-12 if no previous history of TDAP vaccination regardless of the interval since the last TD.
2. Polomyelitis (IPV/OPV): four doses are required. Three doses acceptable. One dose required after age 4 regardless of the number of previous doses, with a 6 month minimum interval from the previous.
3. Measles, Mumps, Rubella: two doses required.
4. Hepatitis B: three doses required through grade 12.
5. Varicella (chickenpox): two doses required for grades K-12; unless history of varicella disease documented by a physician.
6. Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib): four doses required for children less than 5 years of age in early childhood programs. Total doses needed for series completion is dependent on the type of vaccine and the age of the child when doses given.
7. Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV): four doses required for children less than 5 ears of age in early childhood programs. Total doses needed dependent on the age of the child when doses given.
8. Hepatitis A: two doses required for children less than 5 years of age. The first dose is given at 12 to 18 months of age, with a 6 month interval between the first and second dose.

RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS (not required)

1. Meningococcal (MCV4): one dose recommended at 11 years with a booster at 16 years of age; not required for school entry.
2. Human Papillomavirus (HPV): three doses recommended for males and females at 11 years of age; not required for school entry.
3. Influenza: yearly vaccination recommended for all ages: >6 months of age; not required for school entry.

Also, no child should start their day without breakfast. Studies have demonstrated that students perform much better by starting their day with some nutrition. Although morning schedules are often rushed and time for breakfast can be challenging, students might want to consider carrying a nutritious snack with them.

Prescription medication MUST be brought to the Health Room for safe-keeping according to District policy. However, students here at WRHS are allowed to carry small amounts of over-the-counter medications in correctly labeled bottles i.e. Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Midol, cough drops.

We encourage students who need to use inhalers and/or EpiPens to carry them. They need to be correctly labeled and parent permission must be on file. Extra inhalers and/or EpiPens may also be stored in the Health Room.

◆ Enrollment Information

ACTIVITY FEES:

High School Participation Fees are listed below with per family maximum of \$200.00

ACTIVITY	STUDENT FEE	ACTIVITY	STUDENT FEE
Baseball	\$75.00	Boys Swimming	\$25.00
Boys Basketball	\$75.00	Boys Tennis	\$25.00
Football	\$75.00	Cheerleading	\$25.00
Girls Basketball	\$75.00	Cross Country	\$25.00
Softball	\$75.00	Girls Soccer	\$25.00
Bowling	\$50.00	Girls Swimming	\$25.00
Boys Golf	\$50.00	Girls Tennis	\$25.00
Drama	\$50.00	Model UN	\$25.00
Girls Golf	\$50.00	Dance Team	\$25.00
Volleyball	\$50.00	Quiz Bowl	\$25.00
Wrestling	\$50.00	Track	\$25.00
Boys Soccer	\$25.00		

FIRST-TIME KANSAS STUDENTS

Students age 9 and under attending a Kansas school for the first time must provide a written statement of health based on an assessment in the previous 12 months. Students will be granted a reasonable amount of time to obtain the statement or face possible exclusion from school and being reported to SRS for child neglect.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information on health requirements including immunizations, please contact the nurse at your child's school. In addition to the vision and hearing done in our schools, there will now be a free dental screening clinic provided for Auburn-Washburn students. In compliance with Kansas State Statute 72-5201, students will be screened unless the parent prefers to opt out of the screening.

Freshman and New Student Orientation Thursday, August 12, 2021

8:00 – 9:00	Opening Session in Auditorium
9:00 – 9:45	Club Introduction
9:55 – 11:25	Advisory
11:30 – 12:10	Lunch
12:15 – 12:25	1st Hour
12:30 – 12:40	2nd Hour
12:45 – 12:55	3rd Hour
1:00 – 1:10	4th Hour
1:15 – 1:25	5th Hour
1:30 – 1:40	6th Hour
1:45 – 1:55	7th Hour
2:00 – 2:15	ADVISORY
2:30 – 2:55	Closing Session in Auxiliary Gym

ALL Freshman are required to attend and all NEW students are welcome to attend.

All Students- Full Day Friday, August 13, 2021

1st Hour	7:55 - 8:43
2nd Hour	8:48 - 9:36
3rd Hour	9:41 - 10:29
Advisory	10:33 - 11:00
4th Hour	11:05 - 11:53
5th Hour	11:58 - 1:16
1st Lunch	11:53 - 12:23
2nd Lunch	12:22 - 12:52
3rd Lunch	12:51 - 1:21
6th Hour	1:21 - 2:09
7th Hour	2:14 - 3:02

◆ Administrative Notes

Parents New to WRHS Meeting

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, August 18th at 5:30 P.M. in Auditorium for the parents of any student new to WRHS. This would include all 9th graders' parents and all other new 10th, 11th, and 12th graders' parents. A variety of items will be discussed and a significant amount of time to answer questions will be allocated.

Fall Open House

The annual WRHS Fall Open House is also scheduled for Wednesday, August 18th. It will begin at 6:30 P.M. following the New Parent Meeting. We encourage all parents to attend this event and meet your student's teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. The evening will begin with an assembly of parents at 6:30 P.M. in the Auditorium, after which parents will follow their student's schedules. Students need not attend with their parents. Refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the evening.

Parent Portal

Parents have the ability to access their student's grades and scores through a computer software "Parent Portal." The high school monthly newsletter and student directory are also available on this site. Parents new to the district will receive information and a password for Parent Portal at registration in August.

Telephone Messages - Emergencies Only

To avoid making unnecessary classroom interruptions, the High School's office staff has been instructed to deliver student messages from parents or guardians that are only of the utmost in importance. These would include, but not be limited to:

1. Any emergency
2. Doctor and dental appointments of which the student is unaware.

School Safety A Priority

The Highway Patrol has set up a state-wide telephone number for people to call in and anonymously report a threat to school safety. The number is 1-877-626-8203.

PLC - Professional Learning Communities

WRHS PLC - Early Release dates.

FIRST SEMESTER	
August 18th	October 27th
September 1st	November 10th
September 22nd	December 1st

SECOND SEMESTER	
January 26th	April 6th
February 23rd	April 27th
March 30th	May 11th

Directory Information

The USD 437 board and administration have determined that the following data will be designated "directory information":

- a. student's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and parent's name
- b. student's participation in officially recognized school activities and sports
- c. the weight, height and grade of members of athletic teams
- d. date of attendance
- e. scholarships and awards received
- f. the most recent previous school district attended by the student

This information is considered public information, which may be released by the school district without parent's prior consent. Patrons have until September 1, 2021 to inform the school district that any or all of the directory information about their student should not be released without parent's prior consent.

◆ Administrative Notes

Attendance News

Direct Line: 339-4150

Attendance Fax Line: 339-4125 (Address Fax: c/o Attendance)

Proper procedure must be followed when a student is absent or needs to leave school early:

1. The Attendance Office can not interrupt the classroom to pull a student out of class unless it is an emergency. Your assistance in helping us eliminate disruptions to the learning environment is appreciated. It is not advisable to wait until the last minute to call and get your student out of school—if you need to have your student released early, again please **PLAN AHEAD!** You need to give the Attendance Office at least one passing time (one hour notice) to page your student so they can come to the Attendance Office to pick up their “Permit to Leave the Building” pass in between classes.
2. You can leave a voice message on the Attendance phone line for all types of absences but, do not leave a message for an immediate “time sensitive release.” You need to talk to someone in Attendance to ensure your student is released at the proper time.
3. ALL STUDENTS ARRIVING AFTER 8:00 A.M. MUST CHECK IN AT THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE. Just a reminder: students must provide the proper verification of their whereabouts when away from school for any type of medical or general appointment, long-term absences, etc. Verification must be given to the Attendance Office upon the student’s return to school.
4. Parents are responsible for calling the Attendance Office on the day their student is absent. If the absence is not confirmed within 24 hours, the absence will be unexcused and consequences will be assigned.
5. As a courtesy for parents, the district will send an e-mail alert out at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for students being marked absent for 3 hours or more on any given day. Please keep in mind, attendance for your student’s absence will not be entered in Infinite Campus (Parent Portal) until later in the day, therefore, whether you have called or not, you may still receive these e-mails. If you have already called, you can simply disregard. If you have not already called Attendance, please take the opportunity to do so at your earliest convenience.
6. Reminder: Absences of three days or more requires an Extended Absence Form that must be completed and returned to the Attendance Office before being gone. Students can pick up this form from Attendance.

As always, we strive to serve your attendance needs in a friendly and positive manner. Your cooperation in following these attendance procedures is greatly appreciated.

Attendance Policy

A student’s attendance record is a very important part of his/her permanent record. Students with regular attendance will be more successful in their classes. Students are expected to be present and punctual for all classes throughout the year. The responsibility of school attendance is with the student and his/her parents.

When a student is absent it is the responsibility of the parents to call the Attendance Office (339-4150) on the day of absence. The call should be made before 9:30 AM. The Attendance Office is open at 7:00 AM for calls.

Any student who checks into school after 8:00 AM must first report to the Attendance Office and receive an ADMIT to class. Any student who is counted absent for first hour will be presumed absent for the entire school day if they do not report to the Attendance Office and get an admit slip.

Students who miss school because of an UNEXCUSED absence will be required to complete the daily work but will not be given credit. Exams and major assignments must be made up by the student in order to receive credit.

The SCHOOL will determine whether the absence is excused or unexcused. Board policy allows USD 437 to accept only the following as valid reasons for excusing an absence:

1. Personal illness- short or long-term illness (verified by notification from doctor).
2. Medical appointment- appointment for medical treatment (an appointment card must accompany the student upon return and be given to the attendance clerk).
3. Family crisis.

◆ Administrative Notes

Attendance Policy-Continued...

4. Extended absences- (i.e.: family vacation) when expressly requested by the parents or guardian and prior arrangements have been made in preparation for the absence as defined in the Student Handbook.
5. Participation in a district-approved or school-sponsored activity.
6. Obligatory religious observances.

Within a semester grading period, students must attend class, or a school-approved activity, a minimum of 90% of the periods the class meets to routinely receive credit. Failure to attend a minimum of 90% will not affect the grade given in any class, but will result in no credit being granted - despite the grade - should attendance fall below 90%. If a student is unexcused absent for more than the first ten minutes of class, the student is counted absent.

If attendance falls below 90% due to exceptional circumstances, a request can be made to determine whether or not credit will be granted. If a student or parent request an attendance review to gain credit for a class in which absences are excessive, they will have to account for ALL absences, excused and unexcused. There will be no differentiation between excused and unexcused absences when computing total absences in any class. Exemptions from the attendance policy may be granted on a case-by-case basis upon receipt of a medical doctor's attestation that the student's absences were medically necessary. Other unusual circumstances may also be considered at the discretion of administration.

Parents/guardians will be notified by the attendance office when the student has accumulated 75% and exceeded 100% of the allowed absences. Notification will be made:

- 75% equals 8 absences (a Parent Courtesy Letter)
- 100% equals 10 absences (Notification by mail) Parent/Student must contact Assistant Principal Charlie Nimz in the Main Office at 339-4133 for an attendance review or credit will be lost.

RESPECTFUL USE POLICY FOR CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Washburn Rural High School enjoys a statewide reputation for educational excellence. This reputation is the product of the dedication of our student body, an outstanding instructional staff, a school philosophy of high expectations for all and diligence in minimizing interruptions and distractions during the instructional day. While not all electronic devices pose the same risk of disruption to the learning environment, it has become necessary to develop a policy that governs the use of some of the more intrusive. To this end:

- Students may possess or use personal electronic signaling devices (cell phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, Apple watches, etc.) on school campus provided that such devices do not disrupt the educational program or school activity and are not used for illegal or unethical activities such as cheating on assignments or tests, bullying or accessing pornographic materials.
- Electronic signaling devices shall be turned off and kept out of sight during class time or at any other time as directed by a school district employee, except when otherwise permitted, for educational purposes, by the teacher, administration or in school policy.
- Violations of this policy shall be subject to progressive discipline. If a student's use of an electronic signaling device causes a disruption as determined by a staff member, the student will be directed to turn off the device. On subsequent offenses, the device may be confiscated, a discipline point assigned and the device returned to the student at the end of the class period, school day or activity. A student's right to carry such devices may be revoked, by administration, for subsequent offenses. Other consequences outlined in the school discipline policy may be applied when appropriate for any misuse of said electronics.

◆ Administrative Notes

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES-continued...

- Confiscated electronic signaling devices shall be stored by school district employees in a secure manner.
- No student shall use an electronic signaling device with camera, video or voice recording functions in a way or under circumstances which infringe upon the privacy rights of other members of the school community. Students may be held personally liable for the dissemination of electronic materials that infringe upon other individuals' privacy rights.
- Students are responsible for personal electronic signaling devices they bring to school. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of any such device brought onto school property, except that it shall be the responsibility of the school to ensure the safekeeping of any confiscated devices.

DRESS CODE AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE

The general atmosphere of a school must be conducive to learning. If a student's appearance attracts undue attention to the extent that it may become a disruptive factor in the educational process, a staff member will ask the student to make the necessary changes. In the event that the change does not take place in the time allowed, the student may be subject to further disciplinary action.

The following list is not all-inclusive:

- No clothing or body adornments with offensive, sexually suggestive, vulgar, profane, ethnically derogatory messages, pictures, or symbols, illegal substances, drug paraphernalia, tobacco, or alcohol, or which depicts violence.
- No articles of jewelry or articles on clothing, which are potentially hazardous, such as chains or studded bands, or have sharp points, etc.
- No clothing or styles identified to be associated with gangs or gang activities.
- No outdoor clothing, such as brimmed headgear, hoodies, sunglasses, jackets or coats that make it difficult for staff to quickly identify students or which may pose a danger, distraction, disturbance to the school environment are allowed. These items are to be put away 7:50 am to 3:02 p.m.
- All tops and shirts must have a full front and back, full sides and over the shoulder straps (i.e. no halter tops, tube tops, bare midriffs or tank tops without sides or any other revealing clothing).
- Clothing is inappropriate if any flesh can be seen starting at underarms down to mid thigh.
- Clothing is inappropriate if any undergarments can be seen.
- No sleepwear or slippers.

The final determination as to whether clothing is acceptable or not will be made by the administration. The basis for this judgment is if the clothing is deemed to be a distraction from the educational environment.

Athletics & Activities

Fall Athletic Activities

The first day of practice for fall sports is Monday, August 16, 2021. You need to have your sports physical and signed concussion form turned in to the Athletic Office prior to the first practice. You may turn your forms in at enrollment. STUDENTS WITHOUT A VALID KSHSAA SPORTS PHYSICAL DONE ON OR AFTER 5/1/21 WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE AND TRYOUT UNTIL ONE IS TURNED IN.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Head Coaches</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone#</u>
Cross Country	Matt Swedlund	swedlmat@usd437.net	785-221-2966
Football	Steve Buhler	buhleste@usd437.net	785-339-4191
Girls' Golf	Jared Goehring	goehrjar@usd437.net	785-339-4141
Boys' Soccer	Brian Hensyel	hensybri@usd437.net	785-339-4242
Girls' Tennis	Kevin Hedberg	hedbekev@usd437.net	785-339-4201
Girls' Volleyball	Kevin Bordewick	bordekev@usd437.net	785-339-4169

2021-2022 Bell Schedules

WRHS Regular Schedule

<u>Period</u>	<u>Start-End</u>	<u>Duration</u>
1	7:55-8:43	48 min.
2	8:48-9:36	48 min.
3	9:41-10:29	48 min.
Advisory/Club	10:33-11:00	27 min.
4	11:05-11:53	48 min.
5	11:58-1:16	
	Lunch 1- 11:53-12:23	Class- 12:24-1:16 50 min.
	Lunch 2- 12:22-12:52	Class- 11:53-12:24 12:52-1:16 49 min.
	Lunch 3- 12:51-1:21	Class- 11:53-12:51 58 min.
6	1:21-2:09	48 min.
7	2:14-3:02	48 min.

PLC Schedule (Early Release) Wednesdays Only

<u>Period</u>	<u>Start-End</u>	<u>Duration</u>
1	7:55-8:41	46 min.
2	8:46-9:32	46 min.
3	9:37-10:23	46 min.
4	10:28-11:14	46 min.
5	11:19-12:35	
	Lunch 1- 11:14-11:44	Class- 11:44-12:35 51 min.
	Lunch 2- 11:42-12:12	Class- 11:14-11:44 12:10-12:40 52 min.
	Lunch 3- 12:10-12:40	Class- 11:20-12:10 50 min.
6	12:40-1:26	46 min.
7	1:31-2:17	46 min.

◆ Career and Technical Education



Discover a CTE Pathway that is right for you!

WRHS has established fourteen Career Pathways for the 2021-22 school year! Each of these pathways encompasses a plan of study that provides a student the opportunity to explore all aspects of an industry or career field. Each pathway has three level of courses offered to students; introductory, technical and application. The Introductory courses are designed to stimulate the students' appetite towards rewarding careers. In the technical courses of the pathway students begin to learn detailed information on the careers available within the industry and gain skills to help them in the application level which is final phase of the plan of study. The application courses can give students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a career through work-based experiences, both at school and off-site in local businesses.

Each of the fourteen Career Pathways at WRHS have articulation agreements with several KS colleges. For more details ask your CTE teacher or visit (Kansas Department of Education) <https://www.ksde.org/Search-Results?search=cte%20pathways%20articulation%20agreements> Each college/university sets parameters for awarding credit. Check with the college you plan to attend for details. The benefits are for those students who complete at least three courses the in the pathway.

For more information visit the CTE website @ WRHS.net/CTE

[New Scholarships Available for 2021 Graduates](#)

When other scholarships and grants are not sufficient to cover a student's tuition and fees, the Kansas Promise Act will make up the difference.

Select career and technical education programs will be available at no cost to eligible students beginning in the fall of 2021.

[House Bill 2064](#) establishes the **Kansas Promise Scholarship Act**, which provides scholarships for students who graduate in 2021 to attend an eligible postsecondary institution for any two-year associate degree program, career and technical education certificate, or stand-alone program otherwise identified by the Kansas Board of Regents.

Visit the [Kansas Board of Regents](#) site for a [list of Community and Technical Colleges](#).

Interested students should complete the FAFSA for student financial aid and apply for admission at the community or technical college of their choice.

This program is designed to increase Kansans' access to community colleges and technical schools. For more information visit the CTE website at WRHS.net/CTE

◆ National FFA Organization

WRHS FFA Chapter end of year update:

The WRHS FFA chapter just competed at the State level and below are some highlights from the event.

Floriculture- The identification of Flowers and Flowering plants. 132 students competed from across the state of Kansas from 14 different chapters of FFA- WRHS Team took 9th place, while Kelly Mercer a Senior at WRHS placed 8th overall as an individual.

Horse Judging- The evaluation of horses based on breed, gait, confirmation, and muscle tone. 151 students competed from across the state of Kansas from 46 different Chapters of FFA- WRHS Team took 7th, while Kelli Kychik a Junior at WRHS placed 7th overall as an individual.

Agronomy Team- The Science of soil management and crop production 70 students competed from across the state of Kansas from 21 different Chapters of FFA- WRHS Team took 8th place.

Entomology- The Identification of Insects and their significance to agriculture. 111 students competed from across the state of Kansas from 31 different chapters of FFA - WRHS Team took 10th place.

FFA is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give members the tools to achieve real-world success.

Members are future chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields. FFA is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of the three components of agricultural education.



The official name of the organization is the National FFA Organization. The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our heritage that will never change.

For more information please contact Mr. Vandervort at vandejer@usd437.net

FFA is growing the next generation of leaders who will change the world. FFA is the premier youth organization preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.



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**OPEN DURING
ENROLLMENT**

**AUGUST
2ND & 3RD**

◆ Career and Technical Education



Sponsored by Silver Lake Bank

Jr. Blue Crew Gives Away \$500 Investment

On May 12th, the WRHS Bank presented a \$500 investment Grand Prize. Students and staff as well as bank employees, gathered around the WRHS Bank in the commons to draw for the winner. Only the members of the Junior Blue Crew who deposited \$7.00 each month, from September to April, were eligible for this grand prize.

The winner was Etta Hall, a senior at WRHS. Etta is pictured with WRHS Bank Sponsor, Brian McFall.

Congratulations to all Jr. Blue Crew members who were eligible and keep saving - next year could be your year!



We are open during enrollment!

Open an account at enrollment or at lunch during school to be eligible to win one of our three monthly prizes starting in September!

Open your account at enrollment or on the first day of school!

WRHS Bank and staff will be available on enrollment days to open accounts and process transactions. Students and staff are available every day during lunch. Students can create a bank account at WRHS for a variety of reasons:

1. Build a savings account and earn 0.35% each month!
(That's the best rate in town!)
2. Cash and Deposit Checks.
3. Have money available during the school year for miscellaneous items and events that come up!
4. Be eligible for monthly prizes!
5. Deposit every month to be able to win a \$500 investment at the end of the year!



Join The Junior Blue Crew!

WRHSCOMMONGROUNDS.SQUARE.SITE

COMMON GROUNDS

ORDER ONLINE, PICKUP IN STORE!



HOURS

Monday-Friday

BEFORE SCHOOL: 7:00 - 7:45

DURING LUNCH: 11:27 - 1:11



◆ The Chimes Yearbook

2021 Yearbooks will be distributed at enrollment.

Purchase your 2022 yearbook at enrollment! Prices are at their lowest.

2021 Enrollment: \$55

2022 Enrollment: \$75 (only if extras are available - no guarantee)

Order Online: www.yearbookordercenter.com - school code: 33333

2021 SENIOR Yearbook Delivery: Graduates, you'll need to pick up your yearbooks at enrollment too. If you can't make it, you can have parents or siblings pick up your book during enrollment. Or you may call the high school (339-4100) and ask to have your book delivered to the main office. Please call 24 hours prior to pick up.

Mailing Yearbooks: If you would like your yearbook mailed, the cost is \$10, which covers postage and materials. Call (339-4100) or send payment (5900 SW 61st Street, Topeka, KS 66619) and your updated mailing address. Books are usually mailed in mid-August.

Yearbook Portraits: Will be mailing portrait package information to homes prior to enrollment. We encourage all students to get a portrait taken for school publication purposes. You are under no obligation to purchase these photos. If you want your student to be included in the Chimes yearbook, they must take a picture during enrollment or at one of the two retake days. *This is different than their ID photo. If a student does not take a Lifetouch portrait, they will not be included in the people section of the yearbook.*

2021 Portraits will be available at enrollment!



◆ The Chimes Yearbook

Washburn Rural High School Yearbook

wrhsyearbook@usd437.net

Ad Deadline: [second Friday in September](#)

Dear WRHS Supporter,

The Chimes is a financially self sufficient, student run publication distributed to over 80% of the students and staff at Washburn Rural High School. We are offering businesses and supporters of WRHS the opportunity to be a yearbook sponsor. Your sponsorship will help fund a book that becomes a local piece of the Auburn Washburn School District's legacy. Your sponsorship will show students and the community that you support our efforts. We couldn't make the yearbook without you. We are offering four levels of support:

The Gold Level Package -\$400

- Business logo placed on professionally produced color banner
- Business name and level of support listed in the WRHS school newsletter
- Business name and level of support listed in the WRHS school newspaper, The Blue Streak
 - Half page, full color ad in the Chimes yearbook
 - Business name printed on the back of our staff t-shirts

The Blue Level Package -\$300

- Business logo placed on professionally produced black & white banner
- Business name and level of support listed in the WRHS School newsletter
- Business name and level of support listed in the WRHS school newspaper, The Blue Steak
 - One fourth page, full color ad in the Chimes yearbook

The White Level Package -\$200

- Business name and level of support listed in the WRHS school newsletter
- One fourth page, full color ad in the Chimes yearbook

Jr. Blues Sponsor -\$50

- Business name and contact information listed in the Chimes yearbook

Please indicate your level of support and return this flyer to:



The WRHS Chimes Yearbook Staff
5900 S.W. 61st Street
Topeka, KS 66619

A yearbook student will contact you for ad information.
Ad submission deadline: second Friday in September

Questions? Please call 785-339-4252

2022 WRHS YEARBOOK

Name: _____

Grade: 9 10 11 12

Yearbook Prices: \$55.00

\$75 for available extra copies at 2023 enrollment

Name to appear on the cover (optional): \$5.00

Plastic Cover: \$2.00

Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to WRHS YEARBOOK

Check # _____

Paid Date _____

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

OR ORDER ONLINE!

www.yearbookordercenter.com

school code: 33333

**CLASS OF 2022
MAKE PLANS TO TAKE YOUR**

*Senior
Portraits*



**THE DEADLINE FOR PORTRAIT
SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY, DEC. 3RD**

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

◆ PTO Blues Backers

2021-2022 Blues Backers Slate

President - Ann Rausch
rauscanna@usd437.net

Vice President - Jenny Lang
jenlang4@gmail.com
-Membership Chair

Secretary - Erinn Bradstreet
bradser1@usd437.net
-Newsletter Chair
-Social Media Chair
-Community Liaison Chair

Treasurer - Angie Bachelor
bachelorang@cox.net

Activities/Athletics - Penny Lane
lanepena@usd437.net
-Administration representative

Concessions Finance - Jen Vandavelde

WRHS Hospitality Team (this includes staff appreciation)

-Chair - Angela Conklin
-Assistant - Amie Landis

Concessions Purchasing

-Chair - Angie Rea
-Assistant - Angela Truelove

Concessions Scheduling

-Chair - Jenni Howard
-Assistant -

Concessions Committee - looking for one chair and a team of 3-5 people to work together to oversee all concession stands for home events

- Make sure inventory sheet is complete at the end of every event
- Open and close concession stand - does not need to stay for the entirety of the event and board members will help with opening and closing
- NOT in charge of finding volunteers
- Chair
- Committee Members: Jen Vandavelde

Post Prom

- Chair - Still need to fill
- Will form committees to oversee and assist various activities

◆ WRHS Media Center



Washburn Rural High School
Summer Reading 2021
<http://library.usd437.net>

5900 SW 61st Street
Topeka, KS 66619
785-339-4197

*Take advantage of your high school library!
Check out books for summer.*

- Visit the library website [<http://library.usd437.net>], select WRHS then login (upper right) to connect with Google and search for materials to place holds.
- Parental approval is needed for summer checkout. (Please review the information below.)
- Students may borrow up to 15 items for summer.
- Email a librarian if you have technical difficulties or would like holds to be placed for you.
- ***Students not returning to WRHS, for whatever reason, are not to participate.***

CHECKOUT LIBRARY BOOKS for Summer:

❖ The library will be open **Wednesday, June 30th** and **Wednesday, July 21st** from **1 pm to 3 pm.**

❖ **All materials are due back during the first week of school in August.**

If you have questions, speak with a librarian:

Marcy Sandberg
sandbmar@usd437.net
785-339-4197

Victoria Finney
finnevic@usd437.net
785-339-4261

Tag us on social media @wrhslib with
#warureads!



Connect with us @wrhslib for:

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



WRHS Library Summer Checkout Responsibility Agreement - Parent/Guardian Signature Form

(Student Name) _____ has permission to borrow _____ (up to 15) books from the Washburn Rural High School Library for the summer. These books are to return to the WRHS Library during the first week of school, August 16-20, 2021.

Per the WRHS Student Handbook, when students check out library materials, it is the responsibility of the student to return them in the same condition as they received them. Library materials not returned or returned damaged will result in the student being assessed a charge for the lost or damaged materials.

Students not returning, for whatever reason, to WRHS in the fall should not participate.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent phone number: _____

Harvesters' Summer Lunch Program

Grab and Go



Wednesday, June 02
11:30am - 12:30pm

[Add to Calendar](#)



Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library

Rotunda - SE Corner

Anyone under 18 years old can pick up a free grab and go lunch weekdays June 1 - Aug 6, 2021. Provided by Harvesters in partnership with the Millennium Cafe and the library.

RESEARCH IT ⬇

🎓 Learning Resources

- Creativebug
- LinkedIn Learning
- Mango Language Learning
- Treehouse Coding & Design
- Learning Express Library
- Digital Learn
- Miss Humblebees Academy (Kids)

TSCPL@Home - delivers to your home

TSCPL@Home delivers library items directly to your home every other week. To participate simply choose "TSCPL@Home" as your pickup location when you place items on hold from the [library catalog](#) or when you use [Browsing Just for You](#). We'll deliver items directly to your home every other week on the same day. You'll receive a notification the day of your delivery, so you'll know when to expect your materials. There is no need to be home when we deliver, we'll place items in a bag at your door.

Need a library card? It's quick and easy to [get a library card online](#).

How do I sign up for TSCPL@Home?

- Choose "TSCPL@Home" as your pickup location when you place items on hold or use [Browsing Just for You](#). To participate you must have a current home address within Shawnee County (except Rossville and Silver Lake). If you don't have a library card, get one now!

Browsing Just for You

<https://tscpl.org/browsing-just-for-you>

JUST FOR *you*

Let librarians make suggestions for great books, movies or music. We're happy to be your personal browser anytime you need some friendly suggestions. We'll select items for you and have them ready for Curbside Pickup or for home delivery with TSCPL@Home.



To let us get to know you and what you are interested in by answering 10 easy questions! We'll notify you when your items are ready to be picked up or when they will be delivered for TSCPL@Home.



WASHBURN RURAL
JR. BLUES

◆ Locker Reservations

Dates and Times You Can Reserve Your Locker

Tuesday, June 8 – Seniors 8:00 AM – 9:45 AM (No lockers will be sold to 9th – 11th grade students)

Tuesday, June 8 – Juniors 10:00 AM – 11:45 AM (No lockers will be sold to 9th – 10th grade students)

Tuesday, June 8 – Sophomores 12:00 PM – 1:45 PM (No lockers will be sold to 9th grade students)

Tuesday, June 8 – Freshmen 2:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Wednesday, June 16 – Any grade – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

If you want to reserve a locker for the 21-22 school year, you will have the opportunity to do so this summer for a \$5.00 fee. You are not able to reserve a locker before your designated date and time and we will not accept phone calls or emails as this must be done in person. We will be doing locker reservations in the Activity Center this year. Please enter the high school through the doors by the Athletic Office on the North East side of the Activity Center.

On June 8, you may reserve lockers for your friends that are the same or higher grade level as you as long as you have the \$5.00 per locker. Any grade level student may reserve a locker on June 16. You will also need the Student ID number of each person you are reserving a locker for. Lockers will not be sold after the dates listed above. Lockers will be randomly assigned after June 16. All students will receive a locker, so it is not necessary to reserve a locker. However, many of our students want to have their locker in a particular location and/or next to their friends.

Money raised from the sale of the lockers will be put into the Renaissance program and spent on student recognition and improving the school culture throughout the upcoming school year.

Thank you,
Washburn Rural High School
Renaissance Program
Tamela Lake, sponsor
laketam@usd437.net

SOURCES OF STRENGTH

Follow Us @WRHS_Sources



2021-2022 Student Calendar

BOE Approved: 2-15-2021

AUBURN-WASHBURN USD 437 Student Calendar

Subject to Negotiations

August						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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August	
Aug. 12	School Begins

September	
Sept. 6	No School K-12 Labor Day
Sept. 27	No School K-12 Staff Day

October	
Oct. 7	End of First Grading Period
Oct. 8	No School K-12 Staff Day
Oct. 13	Evening P/T Conferences
Oct. 14	No School K-12 (Fall P/T Conferences)
Oct. 15	No School K-12

November	
Nov. 24-26	No School K-12 Thanksgiving

December	
Dec. 17	End of First Semester
Dec. 20-Jan. 3	No School K-12 Winter Break

January	
Jan. 3	No School K-12 Staff Day
Jan. 4	Classes Resume; Start of 2nd Semester
Jan. 17	No School K-12 MLK Jr. Holiday

February	
Feb. 9	Evening P/T Conferences
Feb. 10	No School K-12 (Spring P/T Conferences)
Feb. 11	No School K-12
Feb. 14	No School K-12 Staff Day

March	
March 10	End of Third Grading Period
March 11	No School K-12 Staff Day
March 14-18	No School K-12 Spring Break

*****Spring Break follows KS Board of Regents Calendar

April	
April 15	No School K-12 Staff Day
April 18	No School

May	
May 6	No School K-12 Staff Day
May 25	Last Day of School

Early Release Days

January						
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