

Westfall



MUSTANG MONTHLY eNEWSLETTER #RISEABOVE

SEPTEMBER 2023

DISTRICT EVENTS SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 4

NO SCHOOL | Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 8

Battle of the Bands
Pickaway-Ross CTC | 9:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 11

Patriot Day
WMS/WHS Picture Day

SEPTEMBER 15

Interim Ends

SEPTEMBER 18

Board of Education Meeting
WLSD Community Room | 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 19

IT Professionals Appreciation Day

SEPTEMBER 22

WHS Drug-Free Club Rally

SEPTEMBER 26

WES Picture Day

SEPTEMBER 27

NHS Blood Drive
Westfall High School
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 28

College & Career Night
Circleville High School | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Message from the SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Mustangs,

Every school year starts with a lot of excitement accompanied by some apprehension.

As a student, I often had trouble sleeping the night before the first day of school. But, as the first day progressed, I saw my friends and usually a familiar teacher. In other words, the people around me made me happy.

At Westfall, much planning goes into preparing for the first day. Some of our administrators and support personnel have worked all summer to prepare. No matter how much planning is involved, the first few weeks of school usually reveal changes that need to be made to serve our students better as they fill our buildings.

This year, we experienced an excellent beginning. It was good to come into the high and middle schools to see that almost all our renovations have been completed. It was good to go into each of our buildings and see new faces beginning a Westfall career, and it was good to see some older faces placed into various leadership positions in our buildings.

I hope each of you has found this beginning to be very positive, and I wish you all the best as we continue through the school year.

Go Mustangs!

Jeff Sheets

BACK TO SCHOOL



happy birthday
TO OUR STAFF

SEPTEMBER

1	Joseph Jude	WMS
3	Kristin Horch	WES
5	Abbey Fite-Kroeger	WES
9	Christopher Norris	WHS
12	Kevin Pullins	WHS
12	Megan McDowell	WHS
17	Megan McCune	WMS/WHS
17	Mary Oney	WHS
21	Nick Downs	DISTRICT
22	Karla Bartholomew	WHS
27	Andrea Duvall	WHS
28	Matthew Greenlee	WHS
28	Tatum Tatman	WMS

PICKAWAY ESC RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to Marci Wippel and Madison Forquer for winning a Pickaway ESC umbrella and coffee mug on our opening day!



BACK TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENT



Our back-to-school kick-off event had a few raindrops, but it was a success! Thank you to the Westfall Community Engagement Committee for organizing the event, along with the many volunteers and community partners that joined us to help celebrate the start of the school year!



WELCOME TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

Welcome back to our staff members who met in the new Athletic Center on August 15 to prepare for the launch of the new school year! At the opening staff meeting, Pickaway County ESC Superintendent Tom Kitchen presented Velvet O'Day with a Golden Bell Award for reaching her 40-year milestone in education. Congratulations, Velvet!



Westfall CARES


Westfall Cares would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who helped with our summer food program. Our volunteers are truly a blessing to our families. Our in-school service resumes, and we can use volunteers on the first Wednesday of every month to help pack food for our students.

We will pack bags on Wednesday, September 6, starting at 5:00 p.m. This is a great way to earn community service hours, and usually only takes an hour and a half. Hope to see you there!



CELEBRATING A

WESTFALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Welcome
Amanda Patterson
WESTFALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL



"I look forward to serving you in my new role as Principal at Westfall Elementary School, a position that has been a career goal of mine for many years. As we come together for the new school year, let us celebrate the possibilities ahead and the unity that makes our school community truly remarkable!"
-Amanda Patterson



Welcome
Lesley Wolfe
WESTFALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



"I look forward to getting to know all of you and working together to make this a great school year! I feel extremely fortunate to serve Westfall Elementary School as Assistant Principal!"
-Lesley Wolfe

CELEBRATING A SUMMER



Wedding

Congratulations to WES Kindergarten Teacher Stephanie (Grigsby) Leatherwood on her summer beach wedding to John Leatherwood on July 12!



Staff Members of the Month!



Kevin Helsel, WES Custodian
Dalton Helsel, WES Custodian
Lucas Kretzer, WES Custodian

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!





WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

welcome **Joseph Jude**
PRINCIPAL
 WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

"Over the past two school years, I have had the opportunity to lead as the principal of Westfall Elementary School. Now, I am honored for the opportunity to lead at WMS with such an amazing group of students and staff in a school with all of its traditions."

-Joe Jude

STUDENT COUNCIL IS SPONSORING



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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Staff Members of the Month!

6TH-GRADE ORIENTATION

The kickoff to the school year has been a success! We're excited for our Mustangs to become acclimated with their new building!

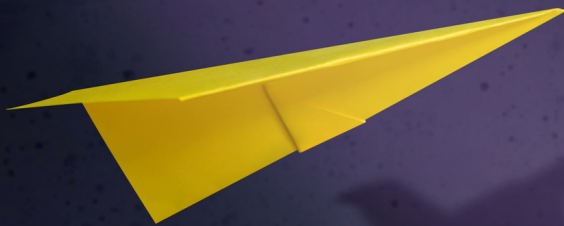


Westfall's Community Service Class and Middle School Student Council will be hosting a food drive from Sept. 11 to Sept. 15 for the Community Cupboards of Pickaway County. The following non-perishable items are greatly appreciated.

- Canned Meats
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Vegetables
- Ramen Soup
- Canned Soup
- Canned fruits
- Dry Milk
- Cereal
- Snacks



Robbie Walisa, WMS Custodian
 Brian Dunn, WMS Custodian



WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL



Westfall Local School District

welcome



Rachel Scior

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Westfall High School this year as Assistant Principal. As a lifelong Mustang, I care deeply about the students and staff of the district and I will work hard to continue the legacy of success."

-Rachel Scior

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY, tiny Mustang!



COOPER WAYLON STEPP

Son of WHS Math Teacher and head Football Coach Logan Stepp & and his wife, Holli



BIRTHDATE
August 27, 2023
2:55 AM

HEIGHT
20 3/4"

WEIGHT
8 lbs., 1 oz.

Rockin' the Halls



We are starting a new tradition at Westfall! Our WHS Band will parade through the middle and high school student-lined halls before each home football game. Our first of many hallway parades was a success!

Staff Members of the Month!



- Tyler Webb, WHS Custodian
- Debbie Hastings, WHS Custodian
- Sarah Martin, WHS Custodian
- Ryan Clark, Maintenance
- Walt Haddox, Maintenance
- Lou Davidson, Maintenance
- JD Williamson, Technology
- Nick Downs, Technology
- Brian Constable, Technology

Congrats

SENIOR ROCK

The class of 2024, carrying on the tradition of signing the senior rock, started in the fall of 2019 with the delivery of a donated boulder.

