

Westfall



MUSTANG MONTHLY eNEWSLETTER #RISEABOVE

JANUARY 2024

DISTRICT EVENTS

JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

JANUARY 3

Teacher Work Day (No Students)

JANUARY 4

School Resumes

JANUARY 9

School Resource Officer Appreciation Day
Board of Education Meeting | 6:00 PM

JANUARY 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 17 - 19

WES First Semester Award Ceremonies

JANUARY 24

College Credit Plus Meeting | 6:00 PM
WES Character Quest Event | 5:30 PM

JANUARY 25

FAFSA Night | 5:30 PM



January is School Board Appreciation Month! We are incredibly grateful for the leadership of our board and appreciate their dedication and their responsibility for our students, staff, and school. Thank you!

Message from the **SUPERINTENDENT**

Dear Mustangs,

I want to start 2024 by thanking our staff for all you have done for students in 2023 and all the hard work you are committed to in this new year!

While we have yet to learn what 2024 has in store for us, the Westfall staff has demonstrated over the past five years that it can face challenges, celebrate victories, and make a tremendous difference in the lives of each student.

While 2024 may be just one segment of a long career, each year will, under your leadership, make a huge difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for consistently ensuring that each year will leave a lasting impression on our students.

As we begin this new year, let us continue to work together to create a positive learning environment where every student feels valued and supported. Let us also continue to strive for excellence in our teaching, our communication, and our collaboration with one another.

Remember that our students are watching and learning from us every day, and we have the opportunity to positively impact their lives. Let us approach each day with enthusiasm, dedication, and a willingness to learn and grow alongside our students.

Thank you again for your hard work and commitment to our students. Here's to a successful and fulfilling 2024!

Happy New Year,

Jeff Sheets

happy birthday
TO OUR STAFF

JANUARY

1	Kay Newman	WHS
4	Lynn Huffer	WES
4	Ryan Day	DISTRICT
6	Jessica Yeager	WHS
8	Stacy Caudill	WHS
8	Holly Huff	WES
11	Olivia Thompson	DISTRICT
11	Marci Wippel	WES
11	Diane Bond	WES
12	Sharon Link	WHS
12	Matthew Pentiuk	WMS
13	Jeff Sheets	DISTRICT
13	Brian Wolfe	DISTRICT
16	Cheryl Lorson	WHS
17	Harry Miller	WHS
17	Joseph Patete	DISTRICT
21	Kevin Helsel	WES
23	Colleen Dalton	DISTRICT
24	Sharon VanCamp	DISTRICT
24	Bobbie Bergoon	WES
25	Kathy Fausnaugh	WES
26	Brian DeLong	WHS
28	Will Breyer	WHS
28	Tish Chenoweth	WMS
29	Kara Walters	WMS

Congratulations!



wedding day

WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER
BETHANY TREECE'S SON, JORDAN (WESTFALL GRAD 2012),
MARRIED MARINA DAMATA ON NOVEMBER 20, 2023,
IN SAU PAULO, BRAZIL

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY,
Mustangs!



KNOX NATHANIEL BARNES

Grandson of Westfall Middle School
Educational Aide Caryn Dinneen

BIRTHDATE WEIGHT/HEIGHT
December 30 8 lbs, 0.2 oz., 20"

Proud Parents Ally & Kody Barnes



HOLIDAY HAMS

As a thank you for all their hard work throughout the year, the Board of Education gifted each Westfall staff member with a Honeybaked Ham. Thank you to our board members and administration for making sure each of our staff members gets a ham for the holidays!



WESTFALL CARES

Westfall Cares would like to thank Karlie Gill, our FFA students, Kyle Joseph, the basketball team, and all the wonderful volunteers who helped in the holiday care packages assembled Tuesday before Christmas break. Westfall has such an amazing community support system! Mustangs donated food, cookie decorating kits, and fresh local honey. Our Westfall Cares shoppers were busy getting hams and essentials for holiday meals. We appreciate all the hard work and support to make this project successful. Our next Westfall Cares packing day will be Wednesday, February 7, at 5:00 pm. Thanks again for all your wonderful support!





WESTFALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MASKED READERS

You've all heard of 'The Masked Singer,' the singing show that asks: "Who is behind the mask?" Well, now, Westfall Elementary has 'The Masked Reader'!

Teachers and staff donned masks (and voice filters) while reading their favorite books. Our students are having some fun guessing who is behind the mask!

Scan the QR code to watch the Masked Readers read their selected storybooks and provide clues to reveal their true identity. And be sure to visit our Character Quest event on Wednesday, January 24, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM, where the identities of our WES Masked Readers will be revealed!



SHOUT OUT TO OUR ESC SUPPORT STAFF

This month, we celebrate our support staff from the Pickaway County Educational Service Center (ESC). Occupational Therapists (OTs), Physical Therapists (PTs), Speech Therapists (STs), and Behavioral Specialists are essential contributors to students' growth and success. Together, they foster an environment that supports academic achievement and personal development.

School psychologists are instrumental in supporting the mental health and well-being of students. By providing counseling, conducting assessments, and collaborating with educators and parents, they contribute significantly to creating a positive and supportive school climate.

OTs work with students to develop their fine motor skills, sensory processing, and self-regulation, helping them navigate the physical demands of the educational environment. PTs specialize in enhancing students' physical well-being, ensuring they can engage fully in the educational experience. PTs promote students' overall health and wellness through targeted exercises and activities.

STs work alongside educators to identify and address communication challenges, providing personalized interventions that improve students' ability to express themselves clearly and understand others. Behavioral Specialists are crucial in creating a positive and conducive atmosphere within a school setting. They work with students, teachers, and parents to identify and address behavioral challenges, promoting social-emotional development.

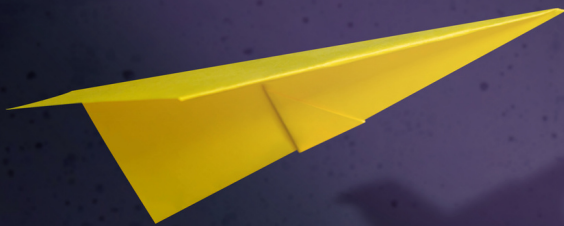
The presence of these specialists in a school district is essential for creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment. Collaboration between these professionals contributes to a support system that empowers students to thrive academically and socially.

We thank these professionals who provide our students with this personalized support, helping them achieve their full potential and build the foundation for lifelong success.

Staff Members of the Month!



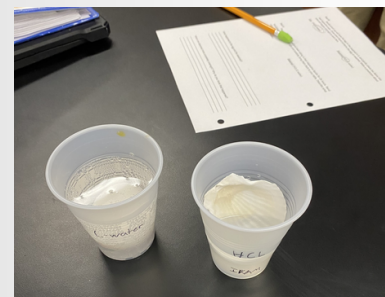
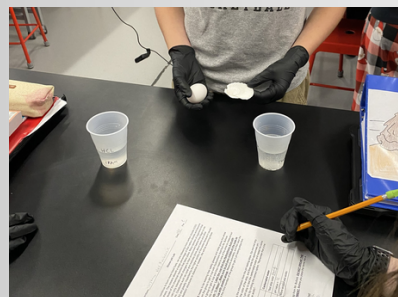
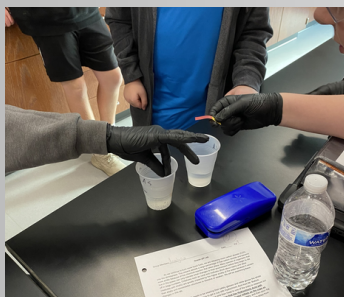
*Pictured L-R: Shukee Chen, Angie Overholt, Kristen Davis, Julie Wolfe, Kelly Conley, Laura Garrett, Lesley Ater.
Not Pictured: Tiffany Martin, Jada Truex, and Eric Horvath*



WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

EXPLORING CLIMATE CHANGE

Mr. Bullock's 8th-grade Science classes have been studying climate change over the last two weeks. They completed a lab to simulate the increasing ocean acidity as we release more CO2 into the atmosphere. The students measured the pH of Hydrochloric Acid and some sparkling water. The students placed a seashell and an egg into each of the liquids. They made predictions about what would happen to the eggs and seashells based on their findings about the pH of the liquids.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE WITH PATHWAYS

Josh Poole, a 2022 graduate, visited Mrs. Cline's Pathways classes to share his insights on successfully navigating high school, building a well-rounded resume, and the financial realities of college life.

During his visit, Josh talked about the financial aspects of college life and shared some tips on how to save money while still enjoying the college experience. He encouraged the students to apply for scholarships, work part-time jobs, and be mindful of their spending habits.

Staff Members of the Month!



*Tish Chenoweth, Administrative Assistant
T, Health, Wellness & Community Service Guru*

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

ALL STUDENTS and families interested in taking CCP classes for the 2024-2025 school year are REQUIRED to attend the CCP Information Night on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, from 6PM-7PM in the High School Auditorium. This meeting is also required for students who are already participating in CCP.




To register, scan the QR code

Students must use their school email to register. Complete the Letter of Intent Form and attach it before submitting registration. Please register by January 19, 2024.

If you have any questions about registration, please email cameron.pavey@westfallschools.com

WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO



College Credit PLUS

Informational Meeting

JANUARY 24, 2024	6:00 PM
WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM	

This is a requirement for both new and returning students who want to participate in College Credit Plus for the 24-25 school year.



WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



*"Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve.
Teach the next generation the value of freedom.
It's the mission of Wreaths Across America."*
<https://wreathscrossamerica.org>

On Saturday, December 16, Westfall FFA members joined Wreaths Across America to honor our heroes by placing wreaths on their graves at the Darbyville Cemetery. It's an honor to participate in this annual tradition.



COMMUNITY SERVICE CLASS SPREADING CHEER

Westfall's Community service class had a busy December! The students accomplished several community Christmas projects. They stuffed stockings for the Veterans in the area. Along with Mrs. Yeager's class, they made personal cards for our veterans and a local senior home. They also weaved baskets for the senior center and filled them with candy. Then, they made "Cookies for Cops" and also sent cards along. Lastly, the students wrapped and filled shoe boxes for Pickaway Children's Services. The class, led by Ms. T., will soon host a clothing and tennis shoe drive in the coming months.



JOB SHADOWING FUTURE CAREER PATH



WHS Sophomore Levi Powers recently job-shadowed Richard Groves of the Logan, Ohio, Local 18 Operators Union to learn more about becoming an equipment operator. Local 18 is a diversified trade union representing Operating Engineers who work as heavy equipment operators, mechanics, and surveyors in the construction industry. Thank you, Mr. Groves, for allowing Levi the opportunity to explore future career options through this job shadow experience!



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*Kate Schoonover, English Teacher
Raelynn Hastings, Math Teacher
Matt Rogers, Intervention Specialist
Harry Miller, Educational Aide*