

Westfall



MUSTANG MONTHLY eNEWSLETTER #RISEABOVE

MARCH 2024

EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

MARCH 1

Tickets for WHS Musical Anastasia On Sale

MARCH 2

Westfall CIA Father-Daughter Dance
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

MARCH 4

No School for Students
Teacher In-Service

MARCH 7

NHS Blood Drive
WHS Choir Concert | 6:30 PM

MARCH 12

State-Funded ACT for all Juniors
Digital Learning Day for grades 9, 10, and 12

MARCH 15

End of Third Nine Weeks
Anastasia: The Musical | 7:30 PM

MARCH 16

Anastasia: The Musical | 7:30 PM

MARCH 17

Anastasia: The Musical | 2:30 PM

MARCH 18

Board of Education Meeting | 6:30 PM
Community Room

MARCH 19

WES Spring Picture Day
WMS Band Instrument Fitting & Parent Meeting
5:00-7:00 PM | WMS Band Room

MARCH 20

WES STEAM Event | 5:30 PM -7:00 PM
"Cultivating Curiosity"

MARCH 22

Report Cards Available

MARCH 23

Westfall CIA Mother-Son BINGO

MARCH 27

WES Egg Hunt
5th Grade DARE Graduation

MARCH 28-APRIL 2

NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

Message from the SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Mustangs,

This school year is going by very quickly. In less than three weeks, it will be the first day of spring! The unseasonably warm weather has, at times, teased us into thinking spring is already here.

Our seniors only have three months of school left. Do you remember that time in your life when you began to realize that you would soon be immersed in decisions that could alter the rest of your life? I've experienced what you Westfall parents are going to experience as your child graduates from high school. I am sure that, at times, it seems like your children started kindergarten just a short time ago.

The beginning of March also makes me realize that I have only five months left as an employee of Westfall Local Schools. As I have already told the staff, my recent retirement announcement stated that July 31 will be my last day here. The thought of that is bittersweet for me, as I am looking forward to enjoying the rest of my life while realizing that my time at Westfall will always be a highlight of my life.

Well, none of us are done yet! I just hope that our students and staff enjoy this last portion of the 2023-2024 school year!

Go Mustangs!



Happy Birthday

TO OUR STAFF

MARCH

2	Allison Zombek	WES
3	Edward Brown	WMS
3	Roni McFerren	DISTRICT
4	Sandy Liston	WMS
4	Shannon Nunemaker	WES
8	Lori McFarland	WMS
10	Dena Redman	WHS
10	Traci Tallman	WMS
11	Tyler Webb	WHS
13	Andrew Waters	WES
14	Abby Woods	WES
14	Jennifer Miller	WMS
16	Devin Schoonover	WHS
17	Heather Hook	WHS
18	Vanessa Arnett	WES
19	Nick Davey	WES
22	Betsy Keller	WES
23	Ryan Clark	DISTRICT
25	Amy Kemp	WES
25	Carole Moore	WES
26	Christine Mocerri	WES

WESTFALL CARES

Westfall Cares is a non-profit organization helping to end food insecurity for students in the Westfall district. Thanks to generous donations to our food pantry, community food drives, and collections, our volunteers are able to meet once a month and pack weekend food bags for students to enjoy at home. Recently, the Westfall Youth Basketball program teamed up with the Madison Plains Youth Association and held a very successful holiday food drive. Food was collected and divided between the two school food pantries. To assist in our food packs, groups within our district volunteer their time and effort to help Westfall Cares. Thank you to everyone involved for helping our wonderful cause!

WESTFALL & MADISON PLAINS YOUTH BASKETBALL



Westfall Youth Basketball and Madison Plains Youth Basketball recently held a food drive to help stock the food pantries at both schools. Thank you to everyone involved for making this a success!

BOYS BASKETBALL & NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Westfall Cares would like to thank the Westfall Boys Basketball team, Coach Kyle Joseph, and Coach Cody Cooper, who helped pack weekend food bags for students in our district last month. They made the pack go quickly, and clean-up was a breeze.

We would also like to thank members of the National Honor Society, Jamison Thacker, Josh Young, and Aaron Gardner, who have helped every pack this year.

WHS PRESENTS ANASTASIA



Take a journey to the past as Westfall High School presents

Anastasia

Performances:

March 15 at 7:30 PM

March 16 at 7:30 PM

March 17 at 2:30 PM

Tickets are available now by visiting westfallmusical.ludus.com or scanning the QR code:



Anastasia tells the story of Anya, an orphan in the 1920s, who embarks on a journey to discover the mystery of her lost family. Along the way, she encounters two colorful characters—ex-aristocrat Vlad and the sly conman Dmitri—who convince her of the possibility that she is actually the long-lost Romanov duchess, Anastasia, rumored to have survived the Russian Revolution.

Together, they adventure to Paris, where the two men hope to present Anya to the exiled Dowager Empress, Anastasia's grandmother, who happens to be offering a reward to anyone who finds her granddaughter.



WESTFALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOVE ACROSS THE UNITED STATES... AND BEYOND



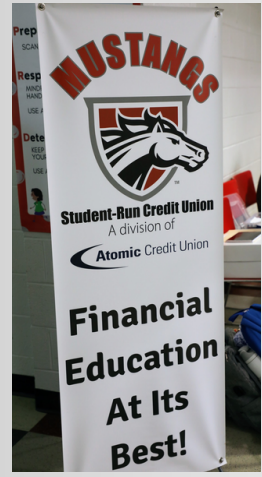
At the end of January, our first-grade team offered up a challenge to their students -- try to collect a Valentine from each of our 50 states, and boy, did our community deliver! Our hallways are now lined with wonderful Valentine's greetings from all over the United States and overseas. The mail was opened together as a class, allowing the opportunity to discuss important geographical facts about the letter's origin and displayed on the wall for all to enjoy. By the end of the project, the students had collected almost 500 Valentines from all 50 states, including some from Singapore, Vietnam, Japan, Australia, Thailand, Indonesia, Germany, and Canada! This will definitely be a project that we continue in the future! Way to spread the love, Mustangs!

AUTHOR WES MOLEBASH VISITS



We had an incredible visit and book signing from author and cartoonist Wes Molebash, who shared his inspiration and creative process with our students! After his presentation, he treated our students to a special book signing. Don't miss out on his masterpiece, "Travis Davenport For the Win," Book One – a must-read for all ages, available now, and keep an eye out for his next graphic novel, "Travis Davenport Powers Up," scheduled to hit the bookstore shelves on March 19, 2024!

MUSTANGS STUDENT-RUN CREDIT UNION



Our Mustangs Student-Run Credit Union is open for business! Students stopped by during breakfast and made their first deposits into their accounts. Student employees did a wonderful job applying their training to real-life bank transactions.



STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MONTH



Heather Short, Technology, David Dollison, 4th/5th Grade, Tom Scanlan, 4th Grade, Dakota Dowden, 3rd Grade, Rebecca Smith, 4th Grade

5TH GRADE INSTRUMENT FITTING FOR WMS BAND

Families of 5th Grade Students interested in WMS Band: Due to a schedule conflict with our Music and Arts Representatives, 5th Grade Instrument fittings have been moved to **Tuesday, March 19**. Please visit WMS Band Instrument Fitting Sign-Up or scan the QR code to schedule a time slot under the revised date.

WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

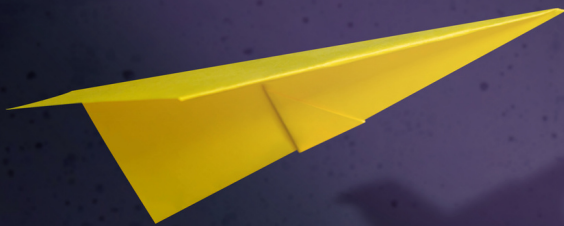
INSTRUMENT FITTING

CURRENT 5TH GRADERS

MARCH 19, 2024
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
PARENT MEETING TO FOLLOW

WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND ROOM





WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENT-RUN CREDIT UNION

Our Mustangs Student-Run Credit Union is open for business! Students stopped by and made deposits into their accounts, earning them incentives to start the day! We look forward to seeing this opportunity grow! Our Student-Run Credit Union will be open for students every Friday during Flex period.



SWEETHEART DANCE

Our Sweetheart Dance was so much fun! We loved seeing all the smiles on all the faces. Such great memories! Thank you, Student Council, for hosting another great event!



STAINED GLASS ART

Mrs. Fuller's 7th-grade art students designed stained glass mandalas and displayed them beautifully, catching the sunlight in our windows!



Cutting down the net! Westfall Middle School 7th-grade Lady Mustangs won the championship game, defeating the Adena Warriors 34-22. Congrats, ladies and coaches! And thank you, families, for the support! Great season finished 14-1. Awesome job!

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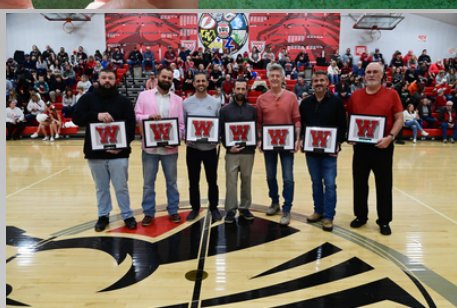
Nancy Downing, District Nurse and **Blaine Bullock**, Science



WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL

WESTFALL ATHLETICS INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS INTO THE HALL OF FAME

On Saturday, February 10, Westfall inducted new members into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Prior to the varsity boys' basketball game against Piketon, Westfall High School honored Randy Alkire, Bill Davis, Jerry Post, and the 2001 Boys Golf Team. To read more about the members and their biographies, please visit our website at <https://www.westfallschools.com/article/1463695>.



OMEA DISTRICT 15 SOLO AND ENSEMBLE AWARDS



Also, on February 10th, the Westfall High School Band had five students perform at OMEA District 15 Solo and Ensemble. Senior Bailey Burke earned a Superior rating on her Class B Marimba Solo. The following students earned an Excellent rating on their solos: Junior Ben Egbert- Class A Oboe Solo, Junior Mitchell Ruff- Class C Trumpet Solo, Senior Tim McCain- Class A Tuba Solo, and Sophomore Zac Scott- Class B Snare Solo.



Pictured Left to Right: Randy Alkire, Bill Davis, Jerry Post, Class of 2001 Golf Team

COMMUNITY SERVICE CLASS MAKING BLANKETS FOR GUESTS AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



Westfall's Community Service class has been making blankets for the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus, Ohio. Students took the patterned fleece and tied the edges to create a keepsake for patients who are battling illness at Children's Hospital.

Shoe Drive Update: The Westfall Community Service class has collected over 70 pairs of tennis shoes that will be shipped to underprivileged individuals in third-world countries. Stay tuned for a clothing drive that is in the process of being organized. Gently used clothing for children and teens will be the focus of this drive, so get ready to start spring cleaning!

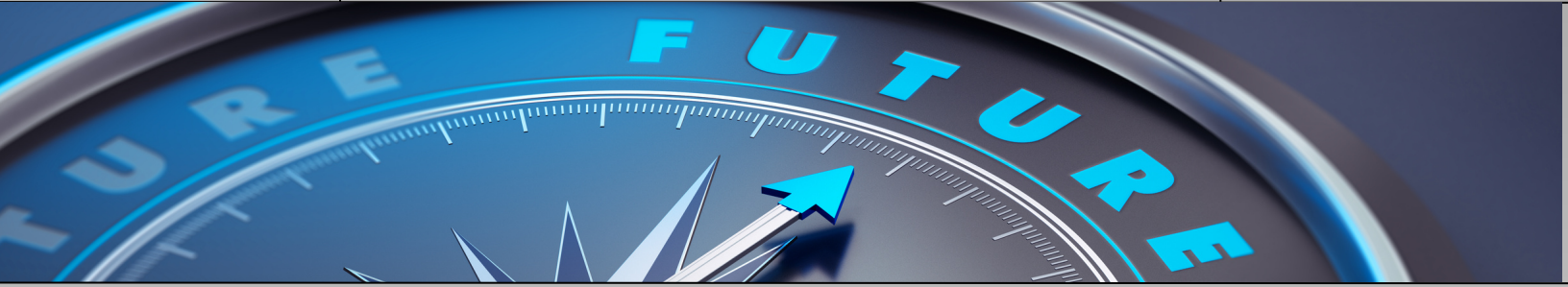
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Annameren Armentrout, Educational Aide, Cheryl Lorson, Librarian and Kyle Furness, Foreign Language



COLLEGE & CAREER



WESTFALL WAY FORWARD

Westfall Way Forward is an annual event that presents students with different career options after high school. Based on the results of a career survey, sophomores, and juniors took part in four informational sessions led by a variety of industry leaders who suited their interests. From the Medical Professions to Military, Construction to Cosmetology, the speakers talked about their positions, responsibilities, and the path they took that led them to their current roles.

In addition, seniors participated in a series of informational sessions on how to budget, buy/rent a home of their own, and land the perfect position. They attended an informal roundtable with Westfall alums and discussed the enlightening truths of life after high school. The seniors also participated in several mock interviews, where they had the opportunity to meet with community leaders, brush up on their interview skills, build confidence, and help enhance their resumes.

Westfall Way Forward is an excellent opportunity where students can gain knowledge and helpful insight on transitioning into the workplace.

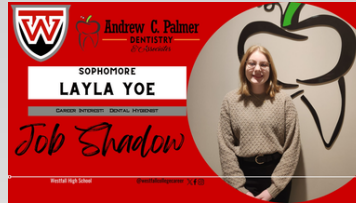
We appreciate our guests, organizers, helpers, and students for making this event successful and are proud to welcome many alums back to share their experiences with us!



JOB SHADOW YOUR FUTURE CAREER



What's it like to work as an ICU or ED nurse at our local hospital? Senior Joe West learned just that as he job shadowed at OhioHealth Berger Hospital. Nursing is now definitely a career that Joe plans to pursue after high school.



Interested in becoming a dental hygienist? Sophomore Layla Yoe is definitely considering it! Layla spent the day working alongside hygienists at Andrew C. Palmer & Associates in Circleville!

ACT PREP COURSE



Thanks to a generous grant from the Westfall Education Foundation, Westfall had 31 Juniors participate in the ACT Prep Class with Dr. Lynn Dailey from The ACT Review, LLC! Students received an ACT Test Prep book that reviews each of the subject areas on the ACT test. They also received ACT tips and strategies, memorization sheets, worksheets, and a retired ACT test to further help them in mastering the material.

Students learned about time management and general test strategies for each of the four sections of the test. Special thank you to Dr. Lynn Dailey from Capital University and to our Westfall Education Foundation for 100% sponsoring this event!



Apply for 2024

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship season is already here!

List of local scholarships. More added weekly!



SEE MRS. SMITH OR TAMMEE IN GUIDANCE IF YOU NEED HELP!