

The pen is mightier
than the sword!

WILDCAT LIFE

WEATHER REPORT
The weather outside is
frightful. But the fire is so
delightful

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WJHS BOYS BASKETBALL



BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Westville @ North Ridge
December 11th 6:00
Oakwood @ Westville
December 12th 6:00
Westville @ Prairieview Ogden
December 14 6:00
Gifford @ Westville
January 11th 6:00
Unity @ Westville
January 15th 6:00
Armstrong Potomac @ Westville
January 16th 6:00
Westville @ Rossville-Alvin
January 18th 6:00

Boys Team Starting Strong

by Alexis Pentecost

The boys basketball team has had both of their games canceled due to events that have happened. Both 7th

and 8th grade will have their first game November 13, 2023. The boys basketball team will have their last

game on January 18, 2024. Girls basketball also went to regionals.

MEET THE TEAM

8th Grade

Damian Alvarez
Kiptyn Appl
Jackson Beckley
Braden Brown
Easton Buyno
Ryien English
Christian Giles
Ryder Lyons
Brennan Strawn
Kamryn Thomas
Jaxson Verando
Dallas Warrick

7th Grade

Owen Atwood
Kolton Acord
Jayden Baxter
Ryder Burns
Weston Craft
Gavin Edwards
Brennon Lane
Ayden Martin-Wills
Jet Merrill
Levi Miller
Tryce See



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November and December's Holidays And Events

by Abby Winget

This newspaper is mainly going to be a combination of November and December's newspapers, so I decided to combine the topics of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

As we all know, Thanksgiving started with the Native Americans and the Pilgrims celebrating their first harvest in the New World. It lasted 3 days, with 90 Native Americans from the Wampanoag tribe and 50 or so Pilgrim survivors. Obviously that probably isn't what happened for sure, but definitely pretty close. Most people for Thanksgiving spend time with their families or friends, having turkey,

cranberry sauce and more. Others spend the day hunting their food, or having a potluck.

Honestly, Thanksgiving isn't as popular as Christmas. It's obvious with the Christmas music and decorations already up by November 1st. There are many ways to celebrate Christmas, more than there is for Thanksgiving at least. You can of course spend it with family and friends, celebrate at home, go out and to a Christmas party, great food, decorations and more. Christmas is thought to be derived from Roman and other European festivals, to mark the end of the harvest season and the

beginning of the Winter solstice. Christmas is nearly celebrated the same as back then, with the carols, decorating, and special foods. Although not everyone celebrates Christmas, there are still different holidays in December, like Kwanza, Hanukkah, and Chanukah. Whichever holiday you celebrate, I hope it's wonderful!



History of Sports (Basketball) by Kate Ricketts

Basketball was a sport created by a man named James Naismith. Basketball was invented in 1891 and it grew as a popular sport and grew for many to love. Fun fact about basketball, a basketball used to be what they would use for a volleyball before they actually made balls for volleyball.

Basketball is a very coordinated sport. You have to have an aim to make the baskets. There are many different stages of basketball that you can go into. Basketball isn't really a difficult sport.



STUDENT COUNCIL by Tabby Pridemore

Wildcat Life: What is it like being in charge of Student Council?

Ms. Brock: I get to meet a lot of kids setting up for dances and doing concessions for all the home games.

Wildcat Life: What is it like being in Student Council?

Mia: It is pretty good.

Wildcat Life: Do you want to get into Student Council next year?

Mia: Yes, I do.

Wildcat Life: Why do you like it?

Mia: You get to do fun things.

Wildcat Life: What is it like being in Student Council?

Kassidy: Fun... you get to do all these cool things and meet new people.

Wildcat Life: Do you want to get into Student Council next year?

Kassidy: Of course, you get to do cool things!

Wildcat Life: Do you like it?

Kassidy: Yes.



Jingle Jokes by Leah Miller

What is red, white and blue all over?

- A sad candy cane

What is Santa's favorite sandwich?

- Peanut butter and jolly

Why did the gingerbread man go to the doctor?

- Because he was feeling crumby

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

- Do you smell carrots

What do you get when you cross a Christmas tree and an apple?

- A pineapple

Why do Donner & Blitzen get to take so many coffee breaks?

- Because they are Santa's Star-Bucks.

What kind of bug doesn't like Christmas?

- A humbug

Who delivers presents to Sharks?

- Santa Jaws

How many presents can Santa fit in his empty sack?

- One after one it's not empty.

Where did the mistletoe go to become so famous?

- Holly-Wood

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

- Tinselitis

Why is a foot a good Christmas present?

- Because it is a great stocking stuffer.

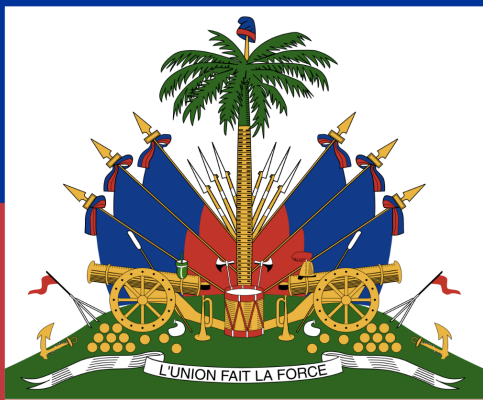
What is a snowman's favorite snack?

- Ice crispies



Forgotten History- Haitian Revolution

by Roland Chambers



On New Year's Day of 1804, ended a Revolution that lasted almost 12 and a half years. August 21st, 1791, the Haitian Revolution started. In the French Colony of Saint-Domingue a slave rebellion started. The Revolution was part of the Atlantic and French Revolutions. Also, during the duration of the Napoleonic Wars. At the end of the Haitian Revolution, the French lost, ending in the establishment of the Empire of Haiti.

This revolution took place in North America on the island of Hispaniola, currently in French hands, after the Invasion of Spain. 345,000 were killed during the Revolution. This includes French White men, White Colonists, Haitians, and British settlers.

"It was forgotten after being overshadowed by the French Revolution", as one historian put it. Being the largest slave revolt since Spartacus' unsuccessful revolt against Rome, 1,900 years earlier. Harsh Treatment from French slave owners, caused this movement to free Haitian slaves. Toussaint Louverture was the most prominent Haitian General leading this Revolution.

This revolution established the first black-ruled state, and the first independent country in the Caribbean. An interesting thing happened during this war, Napoleon enlisted 5,200 Poles to fight off the revolution, being told it was a revolt of prisoners. Yet, the Poles soon learned otherwise. They were reminded of their struggle to free themselves from the 3 partitions of Poland by Russia, Prussia, and Austria. The Poles hoped fighting with Napoleon would lead him to grant the Poles independence. They were so inspired by the Haitians that they defected and joined their side.

As I've already stated, the French lost and the First Empire of Haiti was established, however the French kept the eastern part of Hispaniola, which would later become the Dominican Republic.

Fashion Over The Years: 1980's

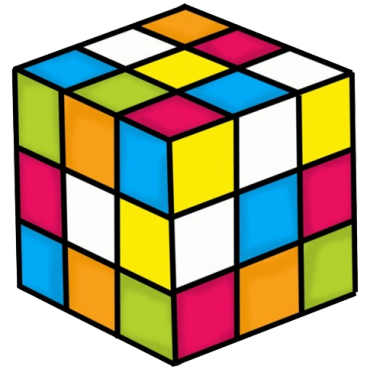
by Kassidy Mitchell

Fashion has come a long way since the beginning of time! But we don't have enough days in the school year to talk about every era of fashion, instead we are starting with the 1980's a magical time indeed. Fashion in the 80's was pretty cool. Women wore

plain color sweaters and high jeans with their hair curled. And even cool hairstyles were lingering around in the 80's, a common one is the perm. But the 80's were not just about the fashion or hairstyles, it's the memories people made back then.

The adventures of style and exploring new things and the most important thing, BEING YOURSELF in clothes YOU feel comfortable in and pretty in, not the clothes you think others will like!! Take it from a girl who wears hoodies and stretchy pants everyday, it's

better to be comfortable than uncomfortable trying to impress others!! 😊



Horsing Around

by Lauren Lawlyes

Did you know that shires are the biggest horse in the world. Their hooves are 68 inches long or 173 centimeters. Shires weight is 1870 to 2430 lb for geldings and stallions/boys. And for mares/girls 1,800 and 2,400 pounds.



The above pictured horse is a shire.

CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRALIA

by Bristol Laird

Christmas is all around the world and there are tons of different ways people do Christmas traditions in America. We know that santa rides in a sleigh pulled by reindeer like Dancer, Blitzen, and Rudolph, but in Australia he rides a surfboard to the houses.



Urban Legends

by Kassidy Mitchell



The Backrooms is an urban legend originating from a 2019 4chan thread that claimed an "out of bounds" area of reality existed, resembling liminal

spaces, which could be accessed accidentally and could not be escaped from. The legend soon developed to include terrorize and hunt people

trapped in the Backrooms.





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Band and Chorus by Bristol Laird

We are sadly not doing Welcome Christmas from The Grinch but we are doing Frosty the Snowman and Festive Christmas.

In band, we are doing Carol of Kings and Christmas March we hope you will have a good Christmas this year.



Staff Interview: Mrs. Bouton

by Kendra Johnson

Wildcat Life: What is your favorite part about your job?

Mrs. Bouton: Getting to be with all the kids.

Wildcat Life: What is your favorite thing to teach?

Mrs. Bouton: Eighth grade classes.

Wildcat Life: What is your favorite thing about teaching?

Mrs. Bouton: The feeling when a student gets something finally when they have been struggling.

Wildcat Life: What is one thing that you do every class?

Mrs. Bouton: Sprays her room between classes.

Words of Wisdom from Mrs. Bouton: You are always capable of learning and being a good person. Whatever the subject is, you can get it if you want it badly enough.

WILDCAT PRIDE

Favorite Video Games by Carson Lewis

