



# Junior Blues News



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## Featured Story Fall Sport Highlights



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



Season's Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds you well and anticipating the upcoming holiday season! As you know, the first semester of the school year will end on December 16, 2022. In an effort to help students navigate an admittedly difficult time of year, we will hold finals over the course of four days. By doing so, students have no more than two final-examinations to prepare for on any given day. This also allows us to expand the time available for final-examination make-up to include some time during the regular school day. A description of the exam schedule follows for your convenience.

Tuesday, 12/13	Wednesday, 12/14	Thursday, 12/15	Friday, 12/16
<b>7-7:50 Zero period final</b> (if applicable) 7:55-8:28 1 <sup>st</sup> period 8:33-9:06 2 <sup>nd</sup> period 9:11-9:44 3 <sup>rd</sup> period 9:49-10:20 4 <sup>th</sup> period 10:25-10:58 6 <sup>th</sup> period 11:03-11:35 7 <sup>th</sup> period 11:40-1:10 5 <sup>th</sup> period & lunch <b>1:17-3:02 3<sup>rd</sup> period final</b>	<b>7:55-9:40 1<sup>st</sup> period final</b> 9:45-10:45 2 <sup>nd</sup> period (final prep) 10:50-11:50 7 <sup>th</sup> period (final prep) 11:55-1:12 5 <sup>th</sup> period & lunch <b>1:17-3:02 6<sup>th</sup> period final</b>	<b>7:55-9:40 2<sup>nd</sup> period final</b> 9:45-10:42 3 <sup>rd</sup> period & finals make-up 1, 3, 6 10:47-11:47 4 <sup>th</sup> period (final prep) 11:52-1:12 5 <sup>th</sup> period (final prep & lunch) <b>1:17-3:02 7<sup>th</sup> period final</b>	<b>7:55-9:40 4<sup>th</sup> period final</b> 9:45-10:42 1 <sup>st</sup> period & finals make-up 2, 4, 7 10:47-11:47 Advisory 11:52-1:12 5 <sup>th</sup> period & lunch <b>1:17-3:02 5<sup>th</sup> period final</b>

A study session designed for the purpose of helping our students prepare for their final examinations will be offered again this year! Faculty members representing most of the core content areas (Math, Science, and English) and several teachers in elective areas will be available to help your child prepare during this time. The study session will be held in the Washburn Rural High School Cafeteria, and pizza will be provided for both students and teachers. Finals Study Night will be on Monday, December 12, 2022 from 6:00-8:00 pm. We strongly encourage you to help your child take advantage of this very important opportunity!

Winter break for students is December 17, 2022 through January 2, 2023. The second semester will begin on January 3, 2023. On behalf of the staff at WRHS, I would like to wish all of our extended Junior Blue Family, a relaxing and memorable holiday break!

Best,

Ed Raines, Principal  
rainedw@usd437.net

# WRHS Counseling Office

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[Counseling Website](#)

Twitter Updates: [@wrhsgo](#)

Crisis Hotline: 785-232-5005

[Counseling Department Staff](#)

## **Schedule Changes**

Counselors are currently working to fill gaps and adjust schedules. Please understand that all schedules are tentative and therefore, students should view their schedule on Campus Portal the first day of second semester. Students who have scheduling issues should contact their school counselor before finals week. Please note that counselors are not available during winter break. Once second semester begins, schedule changes are only approved for levels or being misplaced in a class (eg. English 10 to Honors English 10).

## **FAFSA**

Seniors who have not yet completed their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to do so. This awards federal grants, low-interest loans, and work study. The [counseling website](#) has several resources available to support families in submitting their FAFSA.

## **Scholarships**

Seniors and families should explore the [scholarship website](#) for school, local, and national scholarships. These [Fastweb](#) application tips can be helpful.

## **20 Study Strategies for Finals Week**

As students prepare for finals week, these tips may be useful as they plan their study time. We encourage students to start early and feel confident that their hard work this semester will help them find success!

<https://www.fastweb.com/student-life/articles/the-20-study-tips-for-finals>

## **ACT Preparation**

Over 300 juniors will take the ACT on February 28. Students are encouraged to spend time over the winter break preparing for the test. Free resources are available at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

## **What College and Scholarship Committees Look for in High School Applicants**

This [publication](#) was created in 2020 and based on surveys from colleges and universities. While some testing information has changed at many colleges, this can serve as a useful guide as our WRHS students prepare to be competitive applicants.

## **Washburn Tech Programs**

Many WRHS junior and senior students attend Washburn Institute of Technology during high school. We encourage families to explore these opportunities. A representative visits WRHS every two weeks. To date, over 120 students have met with him to discuss opportunities. The information [HERE](#) reviews the steps to enroll and programs available.

**Free Academic Assistance**

# **AFTER SCHOOL LABS**

## **Library**

- **English**
- **Math**
- **Science**
- **Social Studies**

## **Room E554**

- **AF-JROTC**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:05-4:15pm**

**Need a ride home?**

**Sign-Up in the Main Office for Transportation  
Before or during lunch**

# Washburn Rural High School

# Care Closet

Reach out to your counselor if you need help with any of the following:



Coats, Shoes, or Formal Outfits



Personal Hygiene Products like deodorant or feminine products



Food supplies



Costs for Exams like PSAT or ACT



Free & Reduced Lunch forms



Any other hardship that you might need support.

Contact Your Counselor:



# Sources Of Strength

## ~UPDATES~

### Thankfulness Video

Sources of Strength collaborated with the Honors Video Production class to make a thankfulness video! If you didn't get the chance to watch the video during advisory, visit the attached link below:

**Video Link: <https://youtu.be/sq-WkuIm524>**

### Thankfulness Chain

During advisory students had the opportunity to create a link saying what they're thankful for. Sources of Strength collected all the advisory chains, and hung them in the hallways; this is an excellent example of how the students of Washburn Rural came together to show what they are thankful for and created a collaborative piece of artwork!



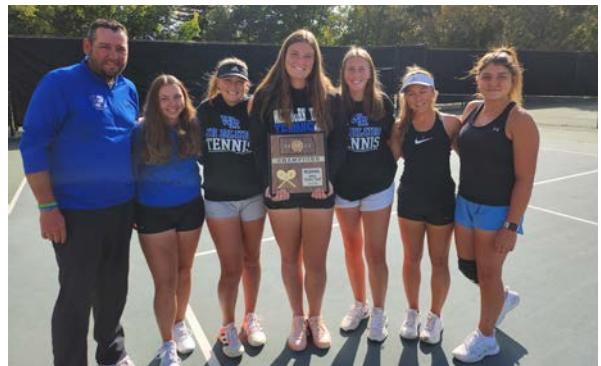
**SOURCES**  
OF STRENGTH

# ◆ Fall Sport Highlights

## Girls Tennis

The JV team went undefeated while also sweeping all spots of the city championship. The city champs team consisted of Emerie Catlin, Clana Evans, Isabelle Haggard, Gabriella Martinez, Haidyn McPike, Cora Sabel, and Lydia Wegele.

Varsity started slow with a third at city, and one point loss at league. They came back to win the regional. The regional champs team consisted of Hailey Beck, Mena DiMarzio, Katherine Fritz, Claire Ireland, Meredith Kucera, and Kayla Peter. The two who managed to bring the trophy back home were Kate Fritz and Meredith Kucera, a huge shout out to them and the rest of their team. Our motto was always "We Can, We Will." Congrats to our city Champs Hailey Beck and Ciana Evans in doubles.



## Boys Soccer

The boys varsity soccer team finished the season at 16-5-0 and took 4th place in the Class 6A state tournament. It was the 15th appearance in the Final Four in school history. They won the Centennial League for the 28th consecutive season by going 5-0 in league play and outscoring opponents 29-1. Went 2-1 in the prestigious Great River Classic in Burlington, Iowa. We defeated Marquette HS 3-2 and Waukesha West HS 2-1, both of Wisconsin. Marquette took 2nd place at the Division 1 state tournament in Wisconsin (their biggest class). Waukesha West was a semi-finalist in Division 2. Rural scored 82 goals on the season, the 4th most in school history.

Easton Bradstreet recorded 29 goals and 16 assists. His 29 goals was the 2nd highest total in school history for one season. He finished tied for most goals in a career with 57. Easton also finished his career with 33 assists, 3rd most in school history. His 16 assists in one season is tied for 4th most in school history.

Devon Rutschmann recorded 16 goals and 17 assists. His 17 assists is tied for the second most recorded in a single season. He now has 26 career assists in just two seasons, which ranks 9th in school history.

All-City players: 1st team - Easton Bradstreet, Devon Rutschmann, Rishi Sandir, Ty Stead  
HM - Cayden Lee, Jaxon Padilla, Ethan Uhrig

All-State players: 1st team- Easton Bradstreet. 2nd team- Devon Rutschmann, Cayden Lee  
HM- Ty Stead



# ◆ Fall Sport Highlights

## Football

This year our football team repeated their success from last year going 8-3. This marks the first back-to-back 8+ win seasons in the last 30 years. The football team also became Regional Champions for the first time since 2016.

This was a historic season for the offense. They averaged 31.5 points, 190.45 rushing yards, and 185 passing yards. Branton DeWeese set the most passing yards in a season (1884), and the most touchdowns (25), Titan Osburn set the single-season TD receptions (12), Ma'kentis Adams set a new record for rushing yards (1396) and rushing touchdowns (17). Ma'knettis also went on to win the team's 2022 offensive player of the year. Dayton Smoot won the team's 2022 Special teams player of the year award.

The defense had another fantastic season, averaging 80.9 yards rushing, 230.9 total yards, and only allowing 18.1 points per game. The defense forced a total of 29 turnovers and scored 42 points throughout the entire season. Packson Bettis set the single-season sack (10), and QB pressures (12) record. JC Heim tied the single-season forced fumbles record with Jamond Lane (5), and tied with Walker Thompson and Ty Weber for fumble recoveries (3). Ty Weber had an outstanding year, setting single-season records for the team in tackles (134), solo tackles (82), tackles for loss (19), and set the school record for most tackles in a career (413). Ty also won the team's 2022 defensive player of the year and the team's MVP.



## Dancin' Blues

The WRHS Dancin' Blues competed at the third KSHSAA State Game Day Dance Competition on Friday November 18. They first competed their 3 routines individually against 17 other teams for a chance to make finals, where they took the top 6 teams to compete one last time. The dance team made finals and competed their 3 routines consecutively against the best 5 teams in the state. The team placed 2nd overall in the 6A division with a score of 93.17. The team is very proud of what they accomplished at state and they are excited for the rest of the season, consisting of basketball performances and more competitions.

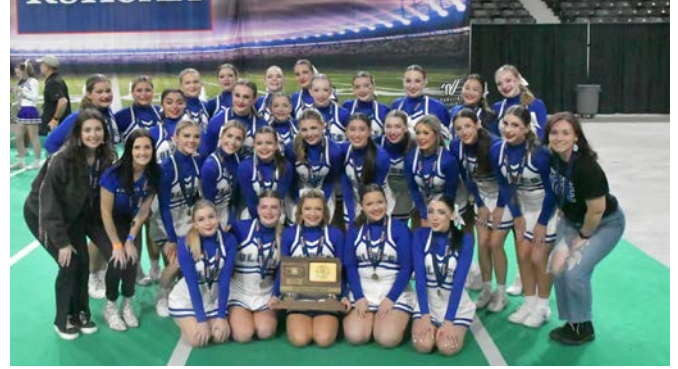
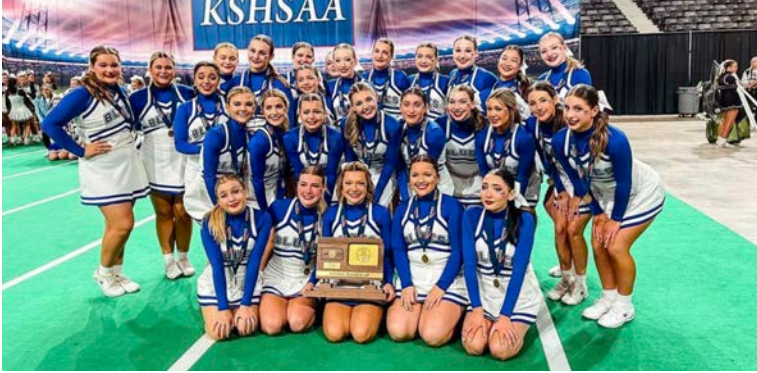




# ◆ Fall Sport Highlights

## WRHS Cheer

On Saturday November 19, Cheer competed at the KSHSAA Game Day Cheer State competition. Cheer competed their routines against 17 other 6A teams for a chance to make finals where the top 6 teams competed their whole routine again. They made finals and competed their whole routine one last time where they placed 2nd in the 6A division with a score of 91.00. They are the only team in the 6A division to be in the top 2 for 5 years straight! (2018: 2nd, 2019: 2nd, 2020: 1st, 2021: 2nd, 2022: 2nd)



## Volleyball

The WRHS Lady Blues won the 6A State Championships with a 45-1 record. The team lost a match early in the season, but went on a 43-match winning streak. The K.V.A. recognized Brooklyn DeLeye as Player of the Year and first team all-state 6A, as well as Taylor Russell as 1st team, Jada Ingram as 2nd team, and Zoe Canfield as Honorable Mention all-state. Kevin Bordewick was also recognized as Coach of the Year. The team only dropped four sets all season long, enroute to winning the 8th state title in program history.



# ◆ Fall Sport Highlights

## Golf

The 2022 Girls Golf Team found a ton of success on the golf course this season. As a team they finished as city champions for the tenth year in a row, runner-up at the Centennial League Championship, third at 6a regionals, and fourth at 6a state. Individually the girls had 3 on first team all city and first team all league. All in all the ladies had a great season!



## Cross Country

Washburn Rural Cross Country was anything but short of success this season. The team was led by a total of nine seniors this year. October was championship season, bringing in many trophies and medals. Starting off at the city championship race, Washburn Rural displayed dominance. The boys continued their impressive sixteen-year streak and secured yet another city title. On the girl's side, they won their fourth straight city title with an impressive finish across the board. Following this was League. Both teams had a successful day with a first-place team finish on both sides. The girl's side brought in a second-year streak as well. Onto the regional meet, both teams had a runner-up finish qualifying both teams to the state championship race the following weekend. The boys were up first with a solid team of runners. They ended up placing 10th out of 12 teams in the final race. For the girls, the top seven had a solid chance at a podium finish. After a tight race the whole way, the girls ended up placing third for the first time since 1997. This past season was definitely one for the history books and brought in much success and hope for the future.



# ◆ Career and Technical Education



Fall 2022 Career Fair Speakers

Students in the Stormont Vail Breakout Session

## CTE Career Fair

On Wednesday, November 9, more than 1,100 WRHS students participated in the CTE Career Fair. Fifty local business and industry professionals representing more than 25 companies served as guest speakers during 2nd, 3rd, and 4th periods. Students heard about educational and training requirements, entry level positions, and career paths from the speakers who represented a variety of occupations.

The Career Fair was presented by McCownGordon Construction and sponsored by HTK Architects, Mammoth Sports Construction, HyVee, and WRHS student business enterprises Common Grounds and The Shack.

## National Technical Honor Society

The Washburn Rural Chapter of NTHS is planning the 2022-23 Induction Ceremony to be held on November 29th at 6:30 in the Library. This year we will be inducting 24 students who have demonstrated strong skills in CTE Courses. The candidates are required to maintain a GPA of at 3.75. The students are nominated by a CTE teacher, complete an application packet and must be approved by the WRHS Administration and Counseling Staff.

These students uphold the following attributes of the National Technical Honor Society. Skill, Honesty, Service, Responsibility, Scholarship, Citizenship and Leadership.

## Robotics Club



Mr. Gerlach and 6 WRHS students traveled to the BEST Robotics competition. BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science & Technology) inspires and motivates high school students to pursue degrees and careers in engineering, science and technology through participation in a sports-like contest.

The Kansas BEST competition, hosted by the Wichita State University College of Engineering, challenges students to build a remote-controlled robot using only specific competition kit materials within an eight-week period. Teams must design, build, and test a robot that can outperform their competitors. Professional engineers and teachers volunteer to coach middle and high school teams through the engineering design process. The team placed 12th out of 29 teams.

# ◆ Career and Technical Education

## Programming and Software Development Pathway



Tyler Fullmer and Eli Chapman



Eli Chapman, Tyler Fullmer, L Walker, Teacher Haley Schmitz, and Daniel Van Dalsem

*"To me and Tyler, the KU Design Competition we took part in was so much more than just a competition. When deciding on a project, we had the idea for a website that we realized had the potential to be something beyond a submission for the competition. It was both my and Tyler's first time ever creating a website, and so we had to learn as we created it, only adding to the challenge. However, classes like Web Page Design and AP Computer Science helped tremendously in providing a foundation for how to approach the challenge. In the end, we took 3rd place, and plan to continue work on this website and eventually release it with the help of backers from within KU." Eli Chapman*

### KU Design Competition

On Thursday, October 20th WRHS took four students to the University of Kansas to compete in the High School Design Competition. High School Design is a free event that takes place annually in the fall, putting high school students' creativity, teamwork skills, technical knowledge, and abilities to the test. Each High School Design features new engineering design challenges in various engineering disciplines created by students in the Self Engineering Leadership Fellows (SELF) Program. Eli Chapman, Tyler Fullmer, L Walker, and Daniel Van Dalsem all competed in the Computer Science portion of the competition.

Students were required to come up with a project, complete written responses about their program, and present their project to a panel of judges. They were scored on a rubric to determine team placements.

Eli Chapman and Tyler Fullmer - 3rd Place

L Walker - 10th Place

Daniel Van Dalsem - 11th Place

Tyler and Eli provided the following description of their project:

Samplfy is a website we created to make it easier to learn about the music you listen to on Spotify. The website allows you to view all of your most listened to songs and artists from various time ranges as well as make playlists from those lists. We came up with the idea because we both really enjoy listening to music and wanted a new way to create more accurate playlists.

It is currently hosted on a web server run on a Raspberry PI and is located at <https://samplfy.dev/>. In order to use the service, you must have your Spotify account added to a whitelist before signing in, so that Spotify can access your data. We will eventually remove the need for this whitelist once the website is more finished. It currently uses Spotify's API alongside React, HTML, and Javascript to create a modern, functional website. In the future we have plans to add new features that will transform Samplfy into a more unique and interesting service. We are exploring machine learning and audio analysis to create even more accurate and tailored playlists. We also plan to revamp the UI in order to create a more unique and appealing color scheme and layout. This website is one that we plan to continue building in order to help users find more music.



# ◆ Career and Technical Education

## KSU Computer Science High School Programming Contest

On Wednesday, November 2, 17 WRHS students attended the 28th Annual K-State High School Programming Contest, sponsored by the department of computer science at Kansas State University. This contest is open to all high school students. Each team can consist of up to four team members. Members must provide their own computer and choose a programming language that they know best. There are two divisions students can compete in, Advanced and Beginner. The division is based on their level of high school course experience.

The contest consisted of five rounds. During rounds one through four, teams had 25 minutes to solve a given programming problem. Points for each problem were awarded based on speed and accuracy. Students also got the opportunity to tour the engineering building at K-State and go on a campus tour.

## KSU Competition Results

### Advanced Teams and Results

Tyler's Angels - Tyler Fullmer, Eli Chapman, Kate Fritz, Heidi Schieber (15th)

NOT Tyler's Angels - Daniel Van Dalsem, Zach Billups, Josiah Denman, Nathan Haskins (25th)

### Beginners Teams and Results

Code Blues - Jace Raines, Parker Williams, Max Kuhlmann, Chase Eichholz (8th)

Good Name Compiling - Joel Jijo, Grayson Huey, Hunter Kirkwood, Taegan Engel (16th)

Single Player - Ashtyn Inman (17th)

## Coding Carnival

Computer Science Honor Society is hosting a Coding Carnival for elementary age students from the Auburn-Washburn School District. Follow the links below for more information.

[Coding Carnival Registration Form](#)

[Coding Carnival FAQ](#)

## Construction & Design Pathway

Residential Carpentry Classes are partnering with the Auburn Washburn facilities team to complete projects in the school district. Pictured below are students working on the Varsity baseball field Dugouts and equipment storage shed.



The program is also building garden sheds that will be available for purchase. Funds collected from the sale of the sheds are going right back into material cost to build additional sheds!

See the flier on the next page and check our website and social media for updates on future sheds.

[www.cte.net/cte](http://www.cte.net/cte) or contact Teresa Golden [goldeter@usd437.net](mailto:goldeter@usd437.net)

## WRHS GARDEN SHED



This shed was built by Washburn Rural High School students in the Construction & Design Class.

### Property Features:

- 10' x 12' with 8' walls
- 8" O.C. textured smart siding
- Floor system treated material
- Double door 60" x 80"
- Weather wood architecture shingle

**Price:**  
\$3400

**Delivery:**  
\$400  
plus \$1 per mile  
Shawnee County

*To purchase or questions contact:  
Teresa Golden goldeter@usd437.net*

# ◆ Career and Technical Education



Sponsored by Silver Lake Bank

## School Spirit Loyalty Program

### Jr. Blues School Spirit Debit Cards - Start earning money for your school!

Silver Lake Bank is pleased to offer the School Spirit Loyalty Debit Card Program in partnership with Washburn Rural School District.

How to get a Jr. Blues Spirit Card: Get your Jr. Blues School Spirit Debit Card by opening a checking account at Silver Lake Bank.



How to earn \$ for your school: The Jr. Blues School Spirit Debit Card can be used at ATMs and to make purchases just like a regular debit card. The school district will receive 5 cents for each debit card transaction that doesn't require your PIN. There is no cost to the school or you!

## Senior Spotlights

### Kayla Peter

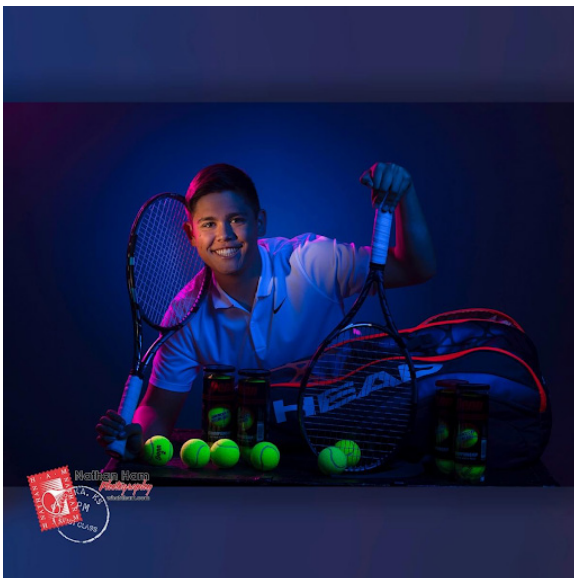
This is my second year in the bank. I am involved in DECA and Tennis. Last year, my partner and I placed first in the financial literacy category at the Kansas State DECA competition last year and qualified for the national conference in Atlanta. I plan to go to Kansas State University and major in speech pathology. My favorite part of the bank was having real work experience and developing problem solving skills. I also made great friends through the bank. My best piece of financial advice is to save your money instead of spending it all on Cookie Shack cookies!



My name is **Mason Casebeer** and I am a senior at Washburn Rural High School. In my free time I play tennis and hang out with friends. My dad has always had a great influence on me as a kid and has made me want to grow up to be a financial advisor. One of the things I love most about the bank is being able to handle money in a professional setting. My financial advice would be to save for the future and plan for future expenses.

*JR. Blue Crew*

*In May, there will be one lucky winner of a \$500 drawing. This grand prize investment will go to one Jr. Blue Crew member who was committed to saving their money all year. To remain eligible, continue to make monthly deposits of at least \$7 for the rest of the year!*



INTRODUCING

# 10 DAYS OF HOT CHOCOLATE

By Common Grounds



Starting November 28th, Common Grounds will be featuring a different type of hot chocolate each day. Buy the drink of the day and get it for \$1.50

**WHITE CHOCOLATE**

November 28th

**TUXEDO  
(WHITE AND DARK)**

November 30th

**GINGERBREAD**

December 2nd

**PEPPERMINT &  
MARSHMALLOW**

December 4th

**GERMAN CHOCOLATE**

December 6th

**WHITE CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT**

November 29th

**ORIGINAL**

December 1st

**MARSHMALLOW**

December 3rd

**CARAMEL**

December 5th

**RASPBERRY DARK CHOCOLATE**

December 7th





# The Perfect Christmas Gift



**PURCHASE ONLINE OR IN STORE**

**[HTTPS://RURALSPIRIT.SQUARE.SITE/](https://ruralspirit.square.site/)**



# 2023 WRHS YEARBOOK

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade:    9       10       11       12

Yearbook Prices: \$55.00

\$75 for available extra copies at 2024 enrollment

Name to appear on the cover (optional): \$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

Plastic Cover: \$2.00

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to WRHS YEARBOOK

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Paid Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

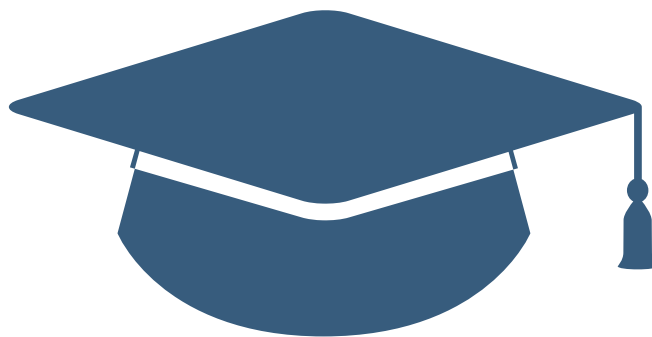
**\*OR ORDER ONLINE!\***

**[www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)**

**school code: 33333**

**CLASS OF 2023  
MAKE PLANS TO TAKE YOUR**

*Senior  
Portraits*



**THE DEADLINE FOR PORTRAIT  
SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY, DEC. 2ND**

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

# SENIOR PORTRAITS

## Senior Portrait Specifications for Yearbook

The WRHS Yearbook staff encourages every senior to submit a senior portrait for the "People Section" of the yearbook. Portraits are due on/before the **first Friday in December**.

### **OPTION #1: Inter-State Studios**

Inter-State is the school's portrait photographer. During enrollment & on retake dates seniors may take a senior portrait at no charge to the student. The yearbook staff will have access to these images.

### **OPTION #2: Select Your Photographer & Submit Your Image**

Seniors complete this option on their own.

All images are sent electronically.

Please send the ORIGINAL (uncropped) file in JPEG format.

Email Subject: Student's first & last name.

Send your portrait file to:

**[wrhsporraits@usd437.net](mailto:wrhsporraits@usd437.net)**

(Important: send Senior Salute images in a separate email to [wrhssalutes@usd437.net](mailto:wrhssalutes@usd437.net))

While most major photography studios in the area already have these specifications, please have your photographer send a digital file that matches the following:

- Head-and-shoulders shots are preferred.
- Attire must follow school handbook.
- Plain backgrounds preferred.
- No studio imprint (I.D.)/watermark on portrait.
- Photos must be vertical (or they will be cropped to fit a vertical space).

- *Special note to photographers:*

Digital images must be 300 dpi. They can be submitted on CD or emailed to us at:

# **[wrhsporraits@usd437.net](mailto:wrhsporraits@usd437.net)**

Please note: We will post a list of seniors who HAVE turned in portraits after the deadline. The list will be posted outside the Counseling Office and announcements will be made. **Seniors are responsible** for checking the list to make sure portraits have been delivered and received by the yearbook staff.

**We cannot be responsible if we do not receive your photo.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the WRHS Journalism Department at 339-4252.

**Don't forget the December Deadline! (first Friday)**  
Questions? Call WRHS Journalism 339-4252 or email: [wrhsporraits@usd437.net](mailto:wrhsporraits@usd437.net)

# Senior Salutes

It's Your Child's Senior Year!

Here's your opportunity to purchase senior salute space in the yearbook.

Senior salutes are spaces for parents, grandparents and friends to congratulate, honor and recognize their senior with photo(s) and text.

Salute sizes range from 1/8 of a page to a full page and are available in color or black & white. Custom designs can be submitted (as a JPEG), or you may choose from one of the prepared layouts on the attached pages.

To order a salute: (1) detach and fill out the form below.

(2) gather your pictures.

\*Do not cut photos.

\*Do not submit wallet-sized senior pictures: (these often have a texture on them which makes them difficult to scan) please contact your photographer and have senior salute portraits emailed to:

**wrhssalutes@usd437.net**

(3) Based on your layout selection, write the appropriate amount of text you'd like to appear in the salute space. (Please limit any quoted text to 4 lines or 10% of original material. No song lyrics will be printed.)

**Two Ways to Send:** (Option 1): Mail these items to WRHS Journalism Department, Attention: Senior Salutes, 5900 SW 61st Street, Topeka, KS 66619. **If you'd like the pictures returned, simply include a self-addressed and stamped envelope, and we'll send your photos when the salute is complete.**

(Option 2): If all of your content (photos & text) is digital, email content + order form to wrhssalutes@usd437.net

\*Photos MUST be high resolution scans: 300 dpi - if not, mail original images.

**Payments must be mailed or delivered to WRHS prior to the deadline.**

**Hurry, space is limited!**

**Salutes and/or payments submitted after the deadline may not be published.**

**Salute deadline: first Friday in December**

## Yearbook Salute Order Form

**Purchase Information - (Salutes will not be printed until payment is received.)**

Buyer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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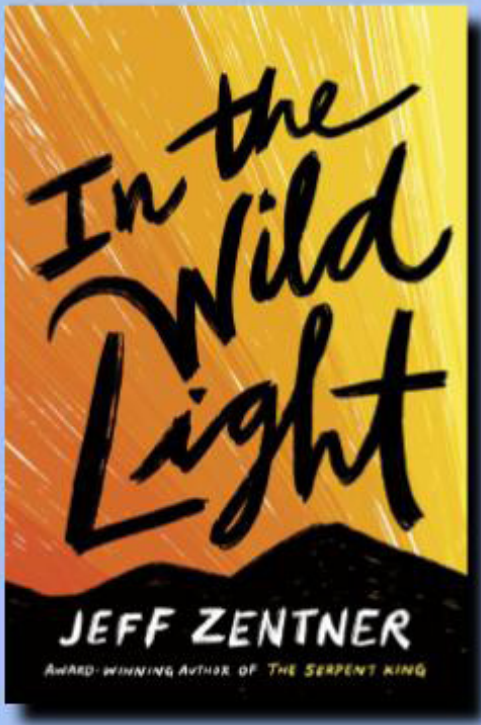
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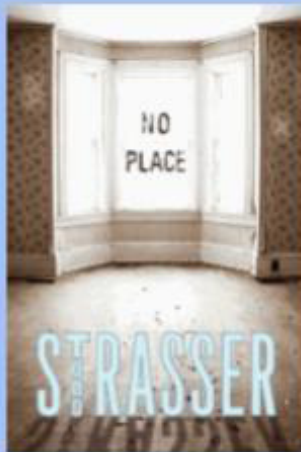
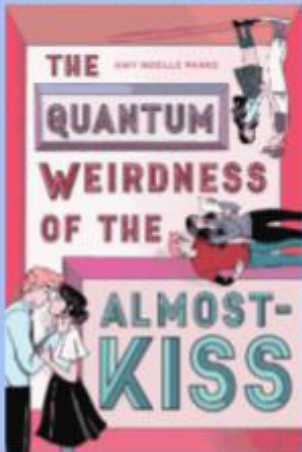
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*In the Wild Light*  
By Jeff Zentner  
F ZEN

Cash & Delaney are best friends who have lived a hard life in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. But when Delaney makes a scientific discovery, the two get a full-ride scholarship to a prestigious boarding school in Connecticut. Zentner's newest novel tells the story of two teens trying to find themselves, their self worth, and coping with the pain of abandoning all they've ever known.

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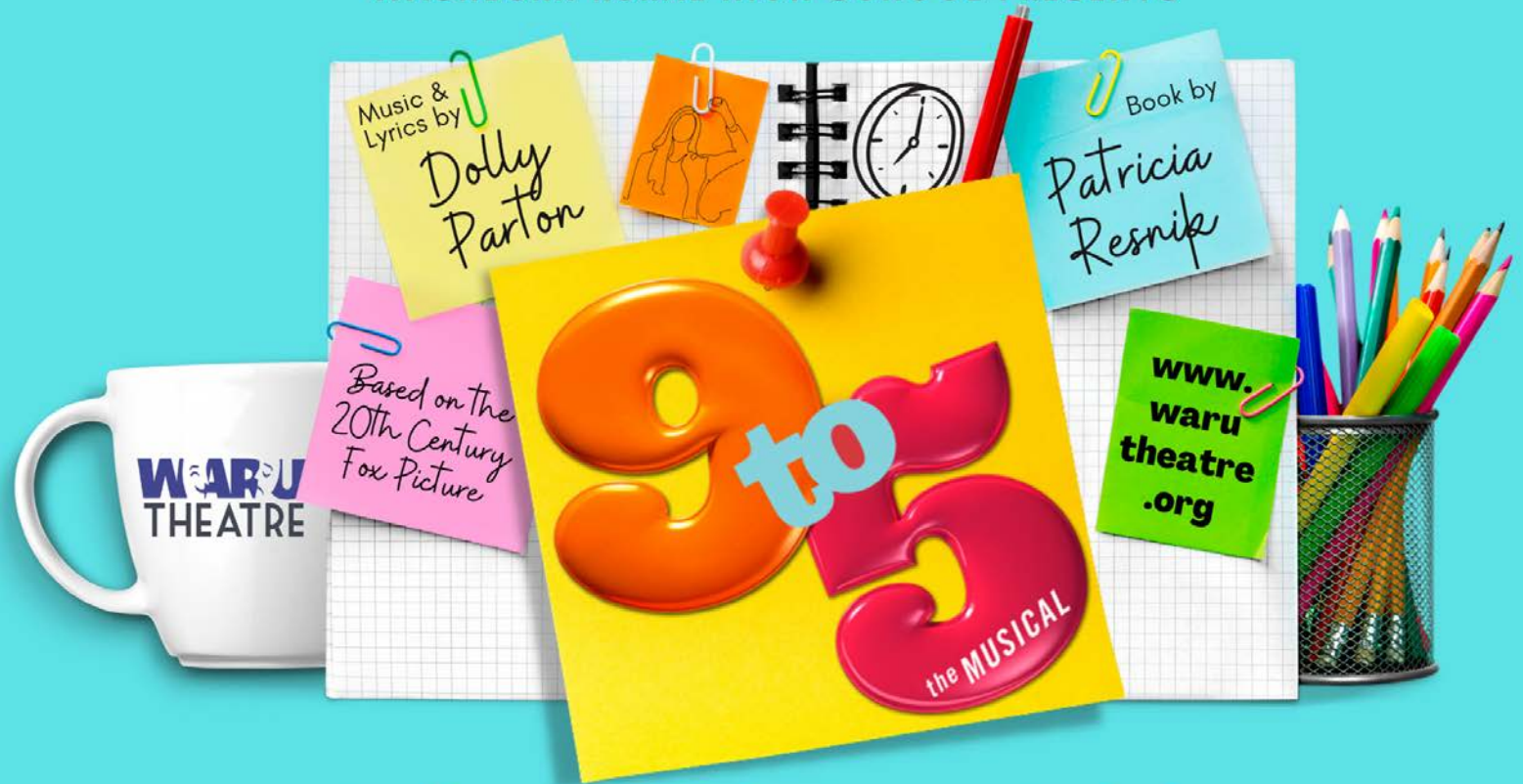
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Orchestrator: Bruce Coughlin

Arrangements and Additional Orchestrations: Stephen Oremus & Alex Lacamoire

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)

9 to 5 The Musical, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton herself, is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie. This hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic.

Pushed to the boiling point, three female coworkers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. In a hilarious turn of events, Violet, Judy and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy – giving their boss the boot! While Hart remains "otherwise engaged," the women give their workplace a dream makeover, taking control of the company that had always kept them down. Hey, a girl can scheme, can't she?

#### **Production Staff**

DIRECTED BY: Maeghan Bishop

SCENE DESIGN AND TECHNICAL DIRECTION: Nick Beasley

VOCAL MUSIC DIRECTION: Ben Holcomb

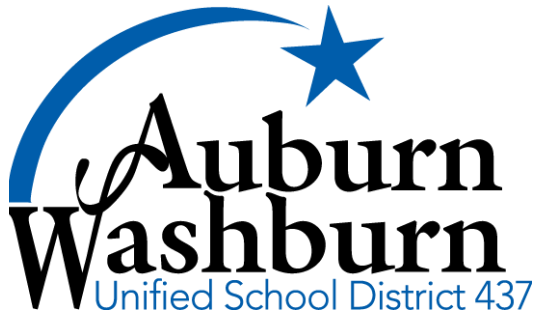
PIT ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR: Melissa Sauls

CHOREOGRAPHER: Alex Castaneda

COSTUME SUPERVISOR: Linnea Hoyos

For more information please visit: <https://warutheatre.org/winter-musical>

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**SPECIAL THANKS TO  
ROD AND JANET JOHNSON  
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# PTO Blues Backers DECEMBER 2022

## WHO WE ARE

Blues Backers is the parent-teacher organization at Washburn Rural High School. Our purpose is to work closely with the administration at the school to support the students as well as show appreciation for the hard work of the teachers and staff. This is accomplished through volunteer time and financial support in various ways.

Blues Backers are responsible for organizing and executing a number of events and activities:

- Organizing & Hosting post-prom each year
- Fulfilling funding requests from extra-curricular activities (sports, clubs, activities)
- Providing concessions at events
- Providing hospitality lounge at school-hosted events
- Student achievement recognition
- Hosting teacher appreciation events
- Volunteering at school dances/events

## FUNDRAISING

The Blues Backers would like to thank all of the organizations who worked at a fall concession stand! These organizations made almost \$10,000 for their club or sport!

If your organization is looking for a fun, easy way to raise funds, look for the winter concession stand sign up which has been sent to club and sports team representatives.

## JOIN THE WRHS PTO/BLUES BACKERS



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## CONGRATULATIONS FALL TEAMS!!!

The following teams had incredible successes in the fall:

**Cheer**-2nd @ State Spirit Showcase  
**Cross Country (Boys)**-10th @ State  
**Cross Country (Girls)**-4th @ State  
**Dance**-2nd @ State Spirit Showcase  
**Golf (Girls)**-4th @ State  
**Soccer (Men)**-4th @ State  
**Tennis (Girls)**-7th @ State  
**Volleyball**-State CHAMPIONS!

## LIMITED MERCHANDISE



## AVAILABLE



Check out our website for stocking stuffers! Many items are \$10 or under! Reminder - merchandise can be purchased through the school store, [The Shack](#).



Sweatpants

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need you!!! We are in search for members who will help out with the following Post-Prom activities:

- Donations
- Prizes
- Games

Please consider helping our organization out with this safe, fun event. Contact Ronda Kozlowski at [rondakoz@gmail.com](mailto:rondakoz@gmail.com) if you can help out in any way.

We are also looking for treat donations to provide to staff members for the holidays. Look for a Sign-Up Genius coming to your email box!

## NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

## NEW PAYMENT OPTION

Venmo now available!  
For purchasing items or memberships...  
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## THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

### Jr. Blue Level

April Kelsey- Farm Bureau  
Financial Services  
Jerrod & Katie Ainsley  
Chris & Erin Appuhn  
Angie Bachelor  
Anthony & Evie Blanco  
Erik & Chelsea Blankenship  
Jeff & Kelli Bradbury  
Johnna Brumley  
Brian & Danielle Casebeer  
Arif & Adeela Chaudhry  
John & Emily Collins  
Jennifer & John Creager  
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Brooke Deister  
Jamie Didde  
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Rachel Ebert  
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Jennifer & Matt Harader  
Dustin & Carrie Hawks  
Jared Hedden  
John & Jennifer Heim  
Andi & Greg Heinen  
Tommy Hendrickson  
Tim & Karah Hight  
Amy Hill  
Kristin Hirschi  
Johnny and Amy Hoytal

Laura Ismert  
Diane Jones  
Kris & Melissa Kasprzyk  
Amanda Kiefer  
Amy & Eric Kincade  
Steve & Kim Lanterman  
Mark & Wendy Leenerts -  
Integrity Roofing  
Anya Leonard  
April & Chen Liang  
Jacqueline & Torey Lightcap  
Michelle & Matt Lucht  
Scott & Ashley Manrose  
Sara McIlvain  
Monka & Bill McSweeney  
Catherine Meier  
Nathan & Jessica Miles  
Brad & Amanda Miller  
Mike & Kathy Morse  
Dennis & Joyce Moser  
Scott & Gina Nellis  
Charlie & Misty Nimz  
Jason & Erin Nolte  
Morgan & Jason Padgett  
Chris & Alicia Padilla  
Ed & Carolyn Popkess  
Ed Raines  
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Brad & Lori Rupp  
Greg & Abby Schieber

Scott & Erin Schneider  
Stan & Amy Schroeder  
Tami Sherley  
Derrick & Sherriene Sontag  
Jennifer & Jeff Spencer  
Matt & Jeanette Spurgin  
David & Cat St. John  
Desiree & Chris Stivers  
Blake & Joan Sutton  
Kennen & Debbie  
Cheryl Tuckwin  
Thomas VanDerSluis  
Kurtis & Andie VanDonge  
Jeanne & Russ Vawter  
Kennen & Debbie Walker  
Scott & Lacie Walker  
Leanna Will  
Todd & Kathleen Williams  
Anne & Brian Wilson  
WRHS Student Businesses -  
Bank, Common Grounds, The  
Shack

### Blue Level

RJ Adair  
Melissa Aeschliman  
Alison  
Kelly & Andrew Banks  
Robbie & Erinn Bradstreet  
Tom Bruno  
Melanie & Richard Buckhalter  
Charlie Burton



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### Blue Level (Continued)

Daniel Byard  
David & Azure Chooncharoen  
Dirk & Amy Christian  
Michelle Colly  
Angela & Darin Conklin  
Vince & Lyndi Cox  
Brian & Jennifer Dodge  
Jolee Eckert  
Troy & Jennifer  
Monique Fortune  
Jared Goehring  
Pulkit Gupta  
Angie & Robert Haggard  
Jeni & John Herman  
Megan Hewitt  
Cory & Nicole  
Page Jones & Brian Littrell  
Chris & Karla Keys  
Charity King  
Hunter & Andrea Kirkwood  
Eric & Ronda Kozlowski  
Brooke Leahy  
Marc & Jennifer Luetje  
Hallie McCoy  
Summer & Mike McCoy  
Tyler & Kate McMaster  
Doug & Barb Moore  
Jen Nichols  
Annette Ogunnowo  
Rick & Melissa Peat  
Jeff & Mary Peter  
Eric & Michelle Quinn

Lori & Quint Reelfs  
Jenny & Ryan Rohn  
Hugo & Lina Romero-Canon  
Adam & Haley Schmitz  
Brady & Shanna Simpson  
Brain and Michelle Soderberg  
Casey & Carrie Stead  
Matthew Stone  
Kevin & Cindy Stout  
John & Angie Stupka  
Vincent Tran  
Richard & Sheli VanWogoner  
Jamie & Jeanne Winter  
Jamie Garcia  
Keith & Amy Newberry

### White Level

Clare & Debbie Blakeslee  
Bob & Judy Conklin  
Harmonee Daniels  
Tanisha Domann  
Tracy Duran  
Danielle Eilert  
Natasha Fulton  
Sarah Funk  
Teresa Golden  
Crystal Gonzalez  
Sarah Hammel  
Kristina Hanson  
Ben Holcomb  
Alexis Howell  
John & Ann Janca

Sarah & Justin Jeffers  
Tamela Lake  
Meyvinia Liong  
David Lopez  
Bill & Debbie Lutes  
Brandon & Stancy Macha  
Kimberly Markham  
Natasha McLean  
Michele Moore  
Kirsten & Kyle Nelson  
Tara Nyquist  
Tammy Poynter  
Edna Raub  
Ryan & Jill Ritchey  
Marcy Warren-Sandberg  
Kerstin & Kevin Smith  
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Courtney Sullivan  
Mark Swafford

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# ◆ December Student Calendar

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## **Thursday, December 1**

Club Date  
WRHS Bowling Tryouts  
Boys' Dive/Swim Meet  
9 Boys/Girls' Basketball v. Hayden  
JV Girls/Boys' Basketball v. Hayden  
V Girls' Basketball Tournament

## **Friday, December 2**

Jazz Band Tour of Topeka Area  
WRHS Bowling Tryouts  
Girls/Boys' Wrestling at Burlington Tournament  
V Girls' Basketball Tournament

## **Saturday, December 3**

NE KMEA Orchestra Convention  
Girls/Boys' Wrestling at LHS Challenger  
V Girls' Basketball Tournament

## **Monday, December 5**

Map Testing - Integrated Math 1&2  
Vocal Music Concert

## **Tuesday, December 6**

TG Tour of Topeka Area  
Computer Science Fair  
V Boys' Basketball Tournament - SME

## **Wednesday, December 7**

District Early Release  
AF JROTC Marching Practice  
Boys' Hayden Swim Invitational  
Orchestra Concert

## **Thursday, December 8**

Renaissance End of Sem Celebration  
Girls/Boys' Wrestling at Chanute Duals  
V Boys' Basketball Tournament - SME  
Holiday Bands Concert

## **Friday, December 9**

Marching Band Frostbite Festival  
Girls/Boys' Wrestling at Council Bluffs, IA  
V Boys' Basketball Tournament - SME  
Marching Band Frostbite Formal

## **Saturday, December 10**

JROTC City Drill Competition  
ACT Date (WaRu not a test site)  
Boys' Wrestling at Sabetha Dual Tny  
Girls/Boys' Wrestling at Council Bluffs, IA  
TG Candlelight Service

## **Sunday, December 11**

Lil' Blues Dance Clinic

## **Monday, December 12**

9 Boys/Girls' Basketball at JC  
JV Girls/Boys' Basketball at JC  
Finals Study Night

## **Tuesday, December 13**

9/JV/V Girls/Boys' Basketball v. SMNW  
Lil' Blues (between V BB Games)

## **Wednesday, December 14**

NHS Induction Ceremony

## **Thursday, December 15**

Boys Basketball Team Dinner  
8th Grade Choir/Orchestra Concert

## **Friday, December 16**

KSHSAA Regional Debate Tournament  
9 Boys/Girls' Basketball v. Manhattan  
JV Girls/Boys' Basketball v. Manhattan

## **Saturday, December 17**

KSHSAA Regional Debate Tournament  
Girls' Wrestling at ACCHS Invite  
Girls' Wrestling at Basehor-Linwood Invite  
V Girls/Boys' Basketball

## **December 19-30**

No School - Winter Break