



# Junior Blues News



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## Featured Story Hall of Fame Induction



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



Welcome back! I do hope that you had a memorable winter break. As you know, another semester is underway at WRHS and it is shaping up to be as eventful as the last! Winter sports and activities are in full swing and classes are going well!

A very important upcoming event that I would like to direct your attention to is Student-Led Conferences. They will occur on Wednesday and Thursday, February 9 and 10 respectively. Conference times are:

- Wednesday, February 9, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 10, 7:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, February 10, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 10, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

One of the most important things that you can do as a parent to help your child achieve is to establish regular and open communication with their teachers. Conferences provide a very effective means of establishing this dialogue. During the conferences, I would encourage you to ask questions about the following: your child's progress toward the learning objectives for each of their classes, what you can do at home to assist your child in reaching those learning objectives as well as any concerns that your child may have with the class. I would also encourage you to share any other information about your child that would assist us in better understanding their needs.

We plan to offer the same scheduling opportunities as we did in October through our scheduling platform, [myconferencetime.com](http://myconferencetime.com). You will be able to schedule with as many of your student's teachers as you need to. 15-minute appointments will be available and you'll have the opportunity to choose virtual or in-person meetings. Our Counseling and Administrative Staffs will also be listed on [myconferencetime.com](http://myconferencetime.com) and available during conferences. Please do not hesitate to schedule with one of us.

As we move closer to the end of the third 9-weeks, we are aware that some students may be struggling. Tuesday/Thursday Interventions continue and are a great opportunity for students who need more time on campus to work. If your child is referred by our staff, we certainly hope you will support our efforts to ensure their success by encouraging attendance. It is our mission to ensure that every student learns to the best of their ability.

Please let us know how your student is doing. We hope to see you during conferences!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Raines". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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# WRHS Counseling Office

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Counseling Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/usd437.net/counselors/>

Follow us on twitter for updates: [@wrhsgo](https://twitter.com/wrhsgo)

[Counseling Staff Contact Information](#)

24 Hour Crisis Hotline: 785-232-5005

Program Highlight: Each month we will highlight a different academic program at Washburn Rural. This month, we are highlighting the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program offers a comprehensive, college-preparation program based on international standards. The IB is offered in 159 countries around the world with the majority of IB schools in the USA. WRHS is one of eight high schools in Kansas to offer this program. The IB curriculum and assessments are developed by the IB Organization which is based in Switzerland.

The program emphasizes the IB Learner Profile Traits and strives to develop students who are caring, balanced, reflective, knowledgeable, inquirers, thinkers, communicators, risk takers, open-minded, and principled. Students take subjects in six groups: English, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Science, Math, and IB Elective. Our IB students work on completing both their WRHS diploma and an IB Diploma. To earn an IB Diploma, students take three Higher Level and three Standard Level courses and pass final exams which are graded around the world. IB exams are graded on a scale of 1-7 with a 4 being considered a Pass. In addition to the six IB exams, students complete the IB Core.

The IB Core includes Theory of Knowledge (ToK), Creativity-Activity-Service (CAS), and Extended Essay (EE). ToK is an epistemology course offered in the second semester of junior year and first semester of senior year. Students seek to answer the question, "How do we know what we know?" The CAS program is an extracurricular component of the program that expects students to engage in experiences outside of the classroom in creative pursuits, sports and other active opportunities, and community service. The EE gives students an opportunity to research a topic of choice independently to write a "mini-thesis" of no more than 4,000 words. These IB Core elements are at the heart of the IB program and help students develop into young scholars and contributors to our community.

The IB program starts junior year. Throughout the two-year program, students complete assessments and projects such as papers, oral presentations, and science labs that are submitted to IBO and contribute to the overall IB final grade. In May, students sit for final exam papers, and those scores are calculated with the submitted coursework to earn a final grade of 1-7. The exams are free. Students receive their results on July 6.

In Kansas, colleges must award credit for a score of 4 or higher. Typically, an IB exam of 4 will translate to 3 college credits or one class. Since one college class tends to cost around \$1000, we encourage families to view the IB Program as an investment. We have many WRHS students who start college with several credits earned by taking the IB exams.

Another advantage of pursuing the IB Diploma Program is that research indicates that IB students graduate college in 4 years at a rate of 86%. When we compare the Kansas 4 year college graduation rate of 36%, we know that our students who pursue IB courses are setting themselves up for success and are increasing their chances of earning their Bachelor's degree.

We hope all students will research their opportunities closely and consider stretching themselves.

[KBOR Credit Policy](#)

[IB Research](#)

[WRHS IB Website](#)

[IB 4 Year Plan](#)

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## **Pre-enrollment**

WRHS pre-enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is currently taking place. Students should utilize the information sent via email and introduced during advisory. This includes information on graduation requirements, post-secondary planning, and pre-enrollment information. All presentations and course guides can be found on the counseling website under ACADEMIC PLANNING. Counselors met with students in the auditorium to help with pre-enrollment on the following dates: January 20 (juniors), January 27 (sophomores), February 3 (freshmen). Pre-enrollment requests must be submitted to Naviance by March 3. When students have questions, they should email or see their [school counselor](#).

## **Washburn University Institute of Technology Programs**

A representative from Washburn Tech visits WRHS regularly to visit with interested students about admission procedures and the many career programs offered. Programs at Washburn Tech are for junior and senior students who are on track toward graduation. Interested students should see a counselor to sign up for the visit.

## **ACT on March 1**

Nearly 300 juniors are registered for the ACT on March 1. Juniors should check their email regularly for updates on pre-registration sessions and testing details. Juniors were given an ACT preparation booklet on January 14. We encourage students to prepare for the test.

## **Scholarships**

Many new scholarships have been added to the Counseling Website with February or March deadlines. The list provides access to applications as well as information on eligibility requirements and deadlines.

## **College Visits**

As you start to make summer plans, we encourage families to visit college campuses. This experience can help students set goals, make decisions, and understand the application process. Advice on planning a college visit can be found at <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide>.

## **Social Emotional Resources**

The counseling website offers several social emotional resource topics for teens and parents. We encourage you to browse the information found at <https://sites.google.com/usd437.net/counselors/home/personal-social?authuser=0>. We welcome recommendations to this site as well! Please email [fredema1@usd437.net](mailto:fredema1@usd437.net).

# Starry Night

SATURDAY FEB. 5TH

8:00PM-11:00PM

TICKETS

PURCHASE AT THE BANK  
DURING LUNCH  
JAN 27TH - FEBRUARY 4TH

PURCHASE AT THE DOOR  
FOR WRHS STUDENTS  
ONLY~ MUST HAVE  
STUDENT ID

\$10

OUTSIDE DATES MUST BE SIGNED UP  
BY TUESDAY FEB. 1ST AT THE BANK  
AT LUNCH - NO EXCEPTIONS

## Winter Formal 2022

@ SUNFLOWER BALLROOM AT  
HOTEL TOPEKA AT CITY CENTER

# ◆ Hall of Fame Induction

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The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held on December 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Re-established in 2003, the Washburn Rural High School Hall of Fame honors graduates and staff members who have excelled and achieved significant accomplishments. It is our privilege to recognize these individuals.

Nominations for the Hall of Fame are accepted year round. Annual selections are made in May. Criteria necessary for recognition and nomination forms can be made directly from the District website <http://www.usd437.net>. The Hall of Fame plaques are displayed near the WRHS auditorium. Please consider nominating an outstanding alumnus or faculty member.



Nicole (Perkuhn) Hogan graduated from Washburn Rural High School in 2006. After graduating in 2006, Nicole double-majored at Washburn University earning her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing and Management in 2011. Nicole also earned her Associate of Science degree as a Physical Therapist Assistant from Washburn in 2011 and graduated with her Leadership Certificate. Following her undergraduate career at Washburn, Nicole pursued her passion in healthcare to become a physical therapist. Nicole was accepted into Wichita State University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program where she graduated in 2015. Dr. Nicole (Perkuhn) Hogan served as Wichita State University's Doctor of Physical Therapy Student Marshall for the College of Health Professions during graduation and was the recipient of Wichita State University's Susan

C. Tork Distinguished Student Award in recognition of outstanding service to the department, the community and the profession.

Dr. Hogan's involvement throughout her high school, undergraduate and graduate collegiate careers were extensive. At Washburn Rural High School, athletically, Nicole competed in four sports (tennis, golf, basketball, and softball) during her four years there. A decorated athlete, she was named to the Freshman Basketball All Tournament Team, named WIBW's High School Athlete of the Week (2004), received Softball All City & All Centennial League 1st Team Honors (2004-2006), earned Softball District and 1st Team All-State Honors (2006), named Softball Team Captain (2005 & 2006), recognized as WRHS Softball Most Valuable Player and Most Inspirational Player (2004), and named Best Offensive Player (2006). Nicole lettered in softball all four years, earning Conference and District Championships in 2002 and 2006, and appearing in two state tournaments (2002 & 2006). In 2005, Nicole was a member of the WRHS Girl's Golf State Championship Team and in 2006 was named Washburn Rural High School's Female Most Inspirational Athlete. Outside of athletics, Nicole was a member of the Honor Roll, National Honors Society (2004-2006), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Interact, and involved in the vocal music program (Freshman Choir, Ambiance & Chorale) at Washburn Rural. To round off her high school career, Nicole was the female recipient of the McElroy Award in 2006, which recognizes achievement in academics, extra-curricular activities and character.

At Washburn University, Nicole's athletic and University involvement remained vast. She was a member of the Washburn University Softball Team where she was named to the MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll 2007-2010, the Dean and Presidential Honor Rolls, and was the recipient of the 2009-2010 Washburn Athletics Scholar Athlete Award. In addition to her involvement on the field, Nicole was highly involved off the field. She was a member of the Delta Gamma Fraternity where she held the highest GPA and received the Empowered Award (2007-2008). Nicole was also a Washburn University Student Ambassador, a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, a member of the Leadership Institute, President of Washburn Sales and Marketing Executives, on the School of Business Dean's Student Advisory Council, President of the Washburn University Physical Therapist Assistant Class of 2011, and Special Events Director of the Washburn University Student Government Association.

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Nicole was involved in several organizations including, but not limited to, Washburn Collegiate 4-H, Bod Squad, Christian Challenge, Top Hat Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta, Mu Kappa Tau, Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Gamma Sigma, and Mortar Board.

She held various leadership positions in the above organizations during her time at Washburn, including Vice-President for NONOSO Senior Women's Honor Society where she received the Sophomore Woman of the Year Award in 2008. Nicole was dedicated to serving Washburn University and still is committed to giving back to others and the community. She was named Washburn University's Homecoming Queen in 2009.

After attending Washburn, Nicole attended Wichita State University where she earned her doctorate as a Physical Therapist. Dr. Hogan's passion for being involved and helping others remained evident during graduate school. She was the Kansas Physical Therapy Association Student Representative for Wichita State University's DPT Class of 2015, an Anatomy Graduate Teaching Assistant for Wichita State's Doctor of Physical Therapy and Dental Hygiene programs, Kansas Core Ambassador for the American Physical Therapy Association, Chairman for the Kansas Physical Therapy Association Student Special Interest Group, and sat on several committees of the American Physical Therapy Association Student Assembly Board of Directors.

Dr. Hogan began her career at The Center, official orthopaedic medical providers for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Center, in Colorado Springs. While in Colorado Springs, Dr. Hogan volunteered for various community sports outreach programs, developed The Center's physical therapist mentorship program, developed a business plan for community outreach programs for softball, tennis and golf injury prevention, specifically focused on the female athlete, and an aquatic therapy program, participated in community injury prevention education programs, and developed marketing plans and initiatives for the Sports Performance Enhancement community outreach programs.

In June 2016, Dr. Hogan moved back to Kansas where she accepted a pediatric sports physical therapist position at Children's Mercy Sports Medicine Center in Kansas City. She is currently located at Children's Mercy Sports Medicine Center at Village West, which is also the training home of Sporting Kansas City, U.S. Soccer, and the U.S. Soccer National Coaching Education Center in the Compass Minerals National Performance Center. This is Dr. Hogan's fifth year as a sports physical therapist at Children's Mercy Sports Medicine Center in Kansas City where she specializes in treating the softball and overhead athlete. Dr. Hogan has given several professional presentations, written various articles, continues to participate in community injury prevention education programs, and is on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. She is also a member of the Midwest Sports Science, Athletes Performance, Nutrition, and Medical Research committee, the KC Physical Activity Plan Healthcare (Sports Sector) committee, and an Advisor for the Kansas Physical Therapy Association Student Special Interest Group. Dr. Hogan is transforming lives by optimizing movement and health and continues to represent, promote and advocate for the profession of physical therapy to help move it forward.

In addition to Dr. Hogan's academic, athletic, and professional accolades, she was a camp counselor at Kanakuk Christian Sports Camp and was/still is very involved in the 4-H program, which provides children with community, mentors, and learning opportunities to develop the skills they need to create positive change in their lives and communities. Dr. Hogan was involved in the Shawnee County 4-H program for 13 years. She received the Shawnee County 4-H Key Award in 2006. Dr. Hogan continues to volunteer in the 4-H program empowering young people with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime. Dr. Nicole (Perkuhn) Hogan is married to Brent Hogan and they have three children: a daughter, Kenzie, and two sons, Benjamin and Daniel. They currently reside in Olathe, KS. Nicole is the daughter of Thomas (1978 WRHS graduate) and Karen Perkuhn. Sister, Megan (Perkuhn) Smith (2012) and brother, Drew Perkuhn (2014), are also both WRHS graduates.

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1993 Girls Tennis Team (Class 6A State Champions) The 1993 Washburn Rural High School Girls Tennis Team was arguably one of the two best in a rich history of girls tennis at Washburn Rural. In 1992 a decision made by KSHSAA cost the team the State Championship by a single point. The following year the girls swept through the state finishing 1st in every event including City, League, Regional and State Championships. Our #1 Doubles team lost in the final (Van Vlack-McBride) but came back in 1994 to go undefeated and win the State Championship. Danielle Knipp placed 3rd twice and 2nd twice in singles during her four years at WRHS. She is one of the two WRHS players to be All-State all four years. Kelley Roberts won the State Discus as a Junior and played on a State Championship Girls Basketball team as well as placing 4th in Doubles with Colleen Pendley. As a Freshman, Emily Lee won All-City honors and gained experience making her our team leader in 1995 and 1996. Besides all of this they were a lot of fun and an all around great group of young ladies. “They were my Dream Team”.

-Coach Kevin Hedberg

## Washburn Rural High School History

On April 3, 1918, Washburn University President Parley Womer announced plans to establish an accredited four year public high school on its campus. Washburn High School (WHS) opened in the fall of 1918. Classes were held in the basement of the MacVicar Chapel from 1918-39 then moved during the 1939-40 term to the Old Ichabod Inn on the Washburn campus. Since the high school was located on WU’s campus, the same colors of blue and white and the college mascot, Ichabod Washburn, were adopted by the high school. Students from WHS became known as the Junior Ichabods. In 1919, the first self-governing body of WHS was organized. The first yearbook was published and the first school play was performed in 1920. The Class of 1921 named their yearbook the Chimes—the title was reminiscent of the bells that rang from the Thomas gymnasium tower; to this date, the Chimes is still used as our yearbook name.

By 1939, crowded conditions on the campus forced WHS to relocate. In the fall of 1940, WHS moved into its own building located at 19th and Hope Street. By 1943, the second generation of Junior Ichabods was attending WHS. In 1946, the school became officially known as Washburn Rural High School. For many years the high school enjoyed its own building, which began in a rural setting; however, by 1953, the city had expanded surrounding the school. In the summer and fall of 1953 a new school on Wanamaker Road was built and the entire staff assisted in the move to the new building.



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The first Homecoming and “Queen” traditions were started in 1954. In the fall of 1958, the school newspaper, the Bluestreak, was published. The first recorded “King and Queen of Courts” ceremony was in February 1962. The last year for the high school at this location would be 1964. The fall of ‘64 found the high school staff and students enjoying a new building at the current location. W.A. McElroy was the first superintendent appointed.

The 70’s saw “This Generation” vocal group started and mobile classrooms to handle student growth. In 1981 the mascot became “Junior Blues.” Our school community has a rich and deep tradition steeped in pride and excellence.

In looking through the history of the school, it is worth noting that in 1976, the Hall of Fame was established. In the spring of 1975, the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) began their campaign for nominees to their Hall of Fame recognition. Rural, like so many other Kansas schools, formed a committee to nominate staff, alumni and supporters for KSHSAA’s Hall of Fame. Individuals that were nominated received a plaque and a scrapbook by the WRHS Hall of Fame committee. Between 1976 and 1984, the local Hall of Fame recognized these seven individuals.

1976 – Jay Shideler – Board of Education

1976 – Ron Paradis – Alumni

1977 – Wilbur A. McElroy – Staff

1978 – Alton Haun – Staff

1980 – Dr. W. Parkinson Popenoe – Alumni

1982 – Maxwell Sloop – Staff

1983 – Delvy Lewis – Alumni

Washburn Rural High School takes great pride in keeping the accomplishments of these individuals, as well as those most recent inductees, in the minds of our community.

## **2021 Inductees**

Mary Lou Bowen - Staff

Jessica Dorsey - Alumna

1960 Class A Boys Basketball Team

## **2020 Inductees**

Patty Brockman, Faculty

Brigadier General Michael

Flowers, Alumni

2009 Boys Soccer Team

## **2019 Inductees**

Brenda Holaday, Faculty

Trey Lewis, Alumni

2015 Boys Golf Team

## **2018 Inductees**

Scott Shufelberger, Faculty

Stephan Groth, Alumni

2005 Boys Tennis Team

## **2017 Inductees**

Elaine Pardee, Faculty

Brett Durbin, Alumni

2004 Volleyball Team

## **2014 Inductees**

Bill Annan, Faculty

Taiju Takahashi, Alumni

## **2013 Inductees**

Jerry Beardslee, Faculty

Jeff Kready, Alumni

## **2012 Inductees**

Clifford Manning, Faculty

Wayne Peterson, Faculty

Colonel Chris Toner, Alumni

## **2011 Inductees**

Donald E. Gifford, Faculty

Howard L. Shuler, Faculty

Dr. J. Kirk Romary, Alumni

## **2010 Inductees**

William Edwards, Faculty

Tracy Johnson, Alumni

## **2009 Inductees**

Ray Glaze, Faculty

Ken Berry, Alumni

## **2008 Inductees**

Ron Bowen, Faculty

Edward Albert, Alumni

## **2007 Inductees**

Dennis L. Ary, Faculty

Kenneth A. Forsyth, Faculty

David M. Hupp, Alumni

Ronald L. Wasserstein, Alumni

## **2006 Inductees**

Wilbur A. McElroy, Faculty

Gregg Binkley, Alumni

Robert McElroy, Alumni

## **2005 Inductees**

Sherryl Longhofer, Faculty

Jane Gilliland Dalton, Alumni

James A. McClinton, Alumni

## **2004 Inductees**

Jean E. Jones, Faculty

Warren Corman, Alumni

Vanessa Lavender, Alumni

## **2003 Inductees**

Wayne W. Howbert, Faculty

Carolyn H. Jones, Faculty

Kris W. Kobach, Alumni

L. Don Williams, Alumni/Faculty

# ◆ Gatorade Player Of The Year

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In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade announced Brooklyn DeLeye of Washburn Rural High School is the 2021-22 Gatorade Kansas Volleyball Player of the Year. DeLeye is the second Gatorade Kansas Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Washburn Rural High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the court, distinguishes DeLeye as Kansas' best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award to be announced in January, DeLeye joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners, including USA Volleyball players Kayla Banwarth (2006-07, Wahlert High School, Iowa), Alisha Glass (2005-06, Leland Public High School, Mich.), Jordan Larson (2004-05, Logan View High School, Neb.) and Foluke Akinradewo (2004-05, St. Thomas High School, Fla.).

The 6-foot-2 junior outside hitter compiled 586 kills and 259 digs this past season, leading the Junior Blues (41-2) to the Class 6A state semifinals. DeLeye also tallied 133 service aces, 38 assists and 26 blocks while posting a .563 kill percentage and a .438 hitting percentage. The Class 6A Player of the Year, DeLeye is a three-time First Team All-State selection and is ranked as the nation's No. 29 recruit in the Class of 2023 by PrepVolleyball.com. She concluded her junior year with a school-record for career kills with 1,633.

DeLeye works in the Washburn Rural High School coffee shop and is the secretary of the school's National Technical Honor Society. She has also volunteered locally as a youth volleyball and basketball coach. "Brooklyn DeLeye is the best all-around player in the state, hands down," said Nancy Dorsey, head coach of St. James Academy. "Playing their team is like playing a game of keep-away from Brooklyn."

DeLeye has maintained a weighted 4.18 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Kentucky beginning in the fall of 2023.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

DeLeye joins recent Gatorade Kansas Volleyball Players of the Year Caroline Bien (2020-21, St. Thomas Aquinas High School), Kendra Wait (2019-20, Gardner Edgerton High School), Audrey Klemp (2018-19, St. James Academy), and Taylor Kuper (2017-18, Olathe Northwest High School), among the state's list of former award winners. Gatorade has a long-standing history of serving athlete communities and understands how sports instill valuable lifelong skills on and off the field. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, DeLeye has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national organization of their choosing that helps young athletes realize the benefits of playing sports. DeLeye is also eligible to submit a short video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

# ◆ National Honor Society

On Thursday, December 2nd the Washburn Rural High School National Honor Society chapter held their annual induction ceremony in the auditorium. National Honors Society recognizes those who excel in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Members are actively involved in the WRHS community and the wider community by participating in service events, clubs, co-curricular activities, sports, and a variety of other opportunities. Juniors and Seniors may apply for membership and must remain in good standing by abiding by the chapter bylaws and successful participation in NHS.

## 2021-2022 - New Inductees

Carter Ahrens  
Morgan Ailslieger  
Jack Bachelor  
Sudeepthi Bangalore  
Kaci Bath  
Hailey Beck  
Katie Borough  
Abby Boyd  
Antonio Carcamo  
Madeline Carter  
Megan Christensen  
Lillian Clark  
Wyatt Conklin  
Theodore Decker  
Ashley Dreher  
Tyler Eaton  
Katherine Fritz

Noah Hander  
Abigail Harper  
Kiersten Harris  
Jacob Hirschi  
Cole Hughes  
Kyra Jantzen  
Nicholas Johnston  
Meredith Kucera  
Makayla Lebruska  
Ava Leonard  
Benjamin Lubeski  
Jal Maru  
Alyssa Mastin  
Emily McIntosh  
Mia Miller  
Jaxon Padilla  
Kayla Peter

Annika Peterson  
Collin Rausch  
Aiden Rea  
Mackinly Rohn  
Shaymus Santiago  
Santiago-Bedigrew  
Victoria Shen  
Zackary Sulzen-Watson  
Kate Taddiken  
Jackson Taylor  
Kenzie Teal  
Nemecio Terrell  
Walker Thompson  
Holden Vickery  
Allison Wetzel  
Hunter Wong



Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in NHS activities. NHS chapters are found in all 50 states, US Territories, Canada, and around the world. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. As such, NHS chapters and students are in schools that care not only about student achievement, but also community engagement. NHS students and their peers volunteer in their communities at the highest rates and make connecting with and serving within the community a priority.

# ◆ National Honor Society

## Returning Members

Angelo Alaras  
Lauren Armstrong  
Tessa Berry  
Katelyn Billups  
Latasha Monique Bolok  
Molly Borgren  
Clifford Brandt  
Maria Bures  
Karyna Chueng  
Tatum Church  
Megan Cromwell  
Alexis DeWeese  
Jaq Donaldson  
Sonya Doubedee  
Janna Dungao  
Giles Frederickson  
Arushi Garg

Kyler Gronewaller  
Avani Gupta  
Spencer Haddock  
Gracelyn Hallauer  
Zoey Haugsness  
Alexander Holmes  
Mysti Hummell  
Donna Jalosjos  
Avery Jones  
Sasha Joy  
Josi Keller  
Kelli Kychik  
Landen Lobatos-Dick  
Emily Louderback  
Gorata Mackenzie  
Hunter McWilliams  
Kylie Miller

Olivia Ndungu  
Aliyah North  
Jiyoon Park  
Alexandra Poling  
Lauren Reed  
Stephanie Reiff  
Finnegan Reilly  
Rylie Rumsey  
Adam Rundel  
Grace Sakai  
Allie Schooler  
Madison Smith  
Mason Thieu  
Sheriden Wichman  
Hayden Wilkerson  
Zach Willingham

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) officially established the NHS in 1921. Though many local and regional honor societies existed prior to 1921, no nationwide organization had been founded. Under the leadership of Dr. Edward Rynearson, principal of the Fifth Avenue High School in Pittsburgh, the organization grew from the original Alpha Chapter at the Fifth Avenue School to more than 1,000 chapters by 1930. Equipped with a constitution, an emblem and motto, and a group of dedicated principals as coordinators, the new NHS organization quickly developed into one of the country's leading educational groups.

Members of the Junior Blues Chapter of National Honor Society (NHS) have been hard at work this year. In addition to providing their own contributions to our community and school, the students have organized and participated in a number of projects, including the following: organizing and hosting the Community Blood Center during a school wide blood drive, providing tutoring services to students in our district, and working with school and community member to raise funds for several local organizations.

Plans are underway to host several small fundraising campaigns at WRHS during the spring semester, and all proceeds will be used to support our local school community. Members of our local chapter have been collaborating with members of our Environmental Club to bring a composting initiative to Washburn Rural High School in order to educate the student body on the importance of living sustainably. Last year's NHS initiative has been continued through this year, which is to think locally in order to act globally.

Many of the members deserve special recognition for their efforts, and it would take a long list to highlight each deserving member. However, the officers this year have been extraordinary. Donna Jalosjos, Gorata Mackenzie, Karyna Cheung, and Arushi Garg have shown tremendous leadership and dedication. We're very proud to follow them, and any success we find this year will be in large part due to their commitment to excellence.

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# ◆ Debate

The 2021-2022 policy debate season marked a return to relative normalcy, with tournaments being held in-person instead of online, and students traveling around the state to debate a topic about protecting water resources. The Washburn Rural squad had tremendous success in both the varsity and novice divisions, winning over a dozen tournaments and collecting numerous individual and team awards on top of those victories.

Washburn Rural's success culminated with qualifications to three separate national tournaments and success at the KSHSAA 6A debate tournament. This year, Washburn Rural qualified three teams to the National Speech and Debate Association national tournament. The teams of Sonya Doubledee/Donna Jalosjos, Jiyoon Park/Zach Willingham, and Lauren Reed/Jackson Taylor will represent Washburn Rural in Louisville, KY this summer.



At the KSHSAA 6A Debate tournament, both our 4-Speaker and 2-Speaker debaters had impressive results. In the 4 speaker division, Sonya Doubledee/Donna Jalosjos and Jiyoon Park/Zach Willingham went undefeated at both regionals and state, becoming the first ever team to go undefeated at the KSHSAA 6A state debate tournament in 4-Speaker. In 2-Speaker, Washburn Rural qualified four teams to compete, which is the maximum number allowed. The team of Karissa Kromminga/Lauren Reed won the 2-Speaker division, the first state 2-Speaker championship for Washburn Rural since 2008. This was only the second time in state history that a 6A school has won both the 2-Speaker and 4-Speaker divisions of state.

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# ◆ Career and Technical Education

## CTE @ WRHS

### February is CTE Month®

#### Why do we ❤️ [Career and Technical Education](#)?

Career Technical Education (CTE) helps students graduate prepared for success in college and career by providing the following:

❤️ **Career Exploration:** *CTE courses in approved pathways progress from introductory to technical to application levels that support state and national standards and competencies. The foundation for CTE courses is the inclusion of knowledge and skills that all students should achieve for a given career. Students can choose high school courses based on the results from their career interest survey and apply the knowledge from those courses to identify a career field that fits their interests and skills.*

❤️ **Hands-on learning:** *Competencies in technical and application level courses focus on acquiring practical technical skills specific to the cluster/pathway and includes opportunities for the learner to demonstrate knowledge learned through practical application of skills. It may include experiences such as an internship, health science clinical, or school-based training/marketing.*

❤️ **Real World Experience:** *WRHS juniors and seniors who earn passing grades in two or more courses in one career pathway are eligible to participate in work-based learning. According to KSDE, an internship is a supervised work-based experience that links a learner with an employer for a planned set of activities designed to give the learner a broad overview of a business or occupational field (can be for a short or long term period/paid or unpaid).*

❤️ **Community Partnerships:** *Each CTE cluster or pathway must establish its own industry-unique Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee members evaluate the Career and Technical Education (CTE) cluster/pathway they are serving and advise the CTE coordinator and local administration on improvement of the cluster/pathway.*

WRHS is proud to have the support of local business and industry leaders, as well as representatives from higher education institutions. Visit our [Community Partners and Sponsor](#) page for the complete list of participating businesses and organizations.

[\(Kansas Career Clusters Terminology | 2022-2023 KANSAS CAREER CLUSTER GUIDANCE HANDBOOK\)](#)

🏆 **To celebrate CTE Month we will have chances to win prizes provided by a few of our community partners. Visit the [CTE website](#) and check the daily announcements during February for instructions on how to win!** 🏆

The WRHS [Course Planning Guide](#) has more information on the courses in each Career Pathway offered. For additional information about Career Technical Education, visit [wrhs.net/cte](http://wrhs.net/cte). Talk to your counselor or contact Teresa Golden, Career Coordinator [goldeter@usd437.net](mailto:goldeter@usd437.net) about planning your future!

# ◆ Career and Technical Education

## CTE @ WRHS

### Featured Career Pathways

As we continue to highlight Career Pathways offered at Washburn Rural, this month we are introducing a new Pathway for the 2022-23 school year. Part of the **Hospitality & Tourism [Career Cluster](#)**<sup>®</sup>, **[Restaurant and Event Management](#)** will provide students with new opportunities. The Pathway will be in the Family & Consumer Science Department and offers some new courses and some familiar courses with new names.

If you're interested in a career in the culinary arts, lodging and resort management, or travel, tourism, you may want to consider enrolling in one or more of these classes for next fall!

### HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

INTRODUCTORY	TECHNICAL	APPLICATION
Intro FACS (8th grade)	Culinary Essentials I	Culinary Applications Workplace Experience
Business Essentials	Culinary Essentials II	
Career & Life Planning	Entrepreneurship	
	Event Planning & Management	
	Principles of Marketing	

### Occupations in the Pathway

Chef/Cook

Tour Guide

Director of Catering

Club Manager

Hotel Manager

Concierge

Hotel Desk Clerk

Travel Agent

Event Manager



Students in Meal Management learn cake decorating. Their creations are judged by a panel of students and teachers. Meal Management courses will now be called Culinary Essentials.

# ◆ Career and Technical Education



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## Interested in joining the WRHS Bank staff?

Prerequisite: Passing grade in Accounting and by application. This course will provide students with an overview of the American monetary and banking system as well as types of financial institutions and the services and products they offer. Course content may include government regulations; checking, savings, and money market accounts; loans; and investments. Students will manage daily operations of the WRHS Bank and provide services to Common Grounds, The Shack, and WRHS PTO.

Visit [wrhsbusiness.com/application](http://wrhsbusiness.com/application) to apply! You can also visit with Mr. McFall during lunch in the WRHS Bank or stop by Room G2436

## Senior Spotlight



Hello! My name is Adam Rundel and I have been working in the bank for about two years now. I'm involved in student council, NHS, NTHS, and am actually the senior class president this year. My plans for college are to major in computer science and go to Washburn University where I hope to continue my involvement in school activities. When I'm working in the bank, my favorite part is hands down the friends and people in there. I've met so many of my best friends in here and am so grateful for this opportunity. Another thing I love about the bank is being the PTO coordinator which means I help prepare concession bags for every school event. This year I'm also excited to finish out my tennis season with Mr. Hedberg who I've known for years now and has been a major influence in my life. If there is any advice I could give to underclassmen, it would be to stay involved, challenge yourself, make lasting memories, and most importantly to have FUN!

## Congratulations to the Junior Blue Crew monthly prize winners.

Kyler Knudtson - \$10 Chick-Fil-A gift card  
Kylie Arb - \$10 Common Grounds gift card  
Sandy Hardesty - \$15 Taco Villa gift card

If a high school freshman put just \$7 into an account at WRHS Bank for every month for an entire school year, they would have invested \$63 into a bank account. If they were to keep this up for 4 years (freshman-senior), they would have saved \$252 into their bank account. With interest, their account balance would be \$343.24 for just depositing \$7 a month. On top of this, students are also eligible for monthly prizes, such as gift cards or free deposits.



They are also eligible for a \$500 grand prize drawing in May. To be eligible, students must deposit \$7 every month from August to May.



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# THE SHACK



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# ◆ Scholastic Art Competition

The Art Department is excited to announce that 10 WRHS students received 21 awards at this year's Scholastic Art Competition in Wichita at Mark Arts for their artwork. Their winning work can be viewed here:

<https://www.slideshare.net/leducbra/2022-washburn-rural-high-school-scholastic-art-award-ipients>

Scholastic Art is one of the oldest and most prestigious national art competitions for middle and high school students. It provides an opportunity for student artists to be recognized, exhibited, and awarded scholarship(s). It is a huge honor for students to receive recognition based on the originality, technical skill and emergence of a personal vision in their work. WRHS freshman, Annah Brighton, received an American Visions Nominee Award! Her work was selected as one of the top five in the show from over 1600 entries!



**Annah Brighton**  
"Come Back to Me"  
Gold Key  
(Painting)



**Rylee Perez**  
"Peacefully Lost"  
Gold Key  
(Drawing & Illustration)

**NATIONAL VISIONS NOMINEE  
(BEST OF SHOW):**  
Annah Brighton

**GOLD KEYS:**  
Annah Brighton  
Rylee Perez  
Lee Wolgast (3)

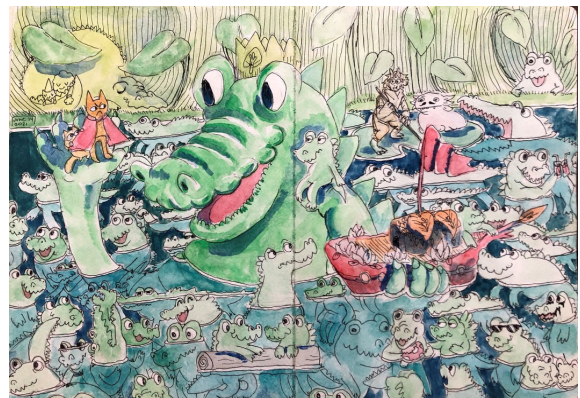
**SILVER KEYS:**  
Annah Brighton  
Shelby Schmutzler (2)  
Lee Wolgast (2)  
Jossy Zuno

**HONORABLE MENTIONS:**  
Elijah Barley-Perkins  
Emma Curley  
Abigail Harper  
Tyler Lemke  
Kiera Patrick  
Rylee Perez  
Lee Wolgast (3)

Silver and Gold key works will be on display at Mark Arts in Wichita, February 18 - March 26.



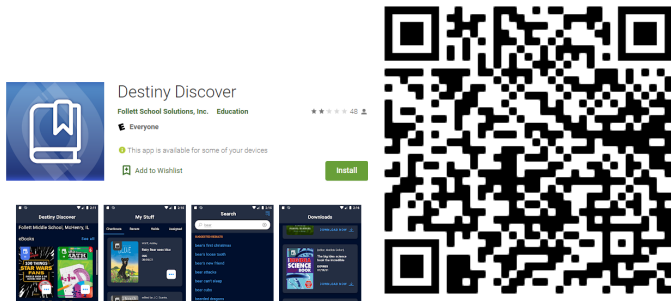
**Lee Wolgast**  
"Kate"  
Gold Key  
(Drawing & Illustration)



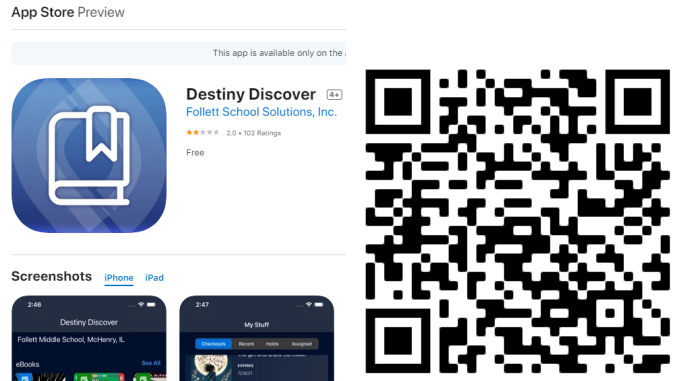
**Lee Wolgast**  
"Alligator Strait"  
Gold Key  
(Drawing & Illustration)

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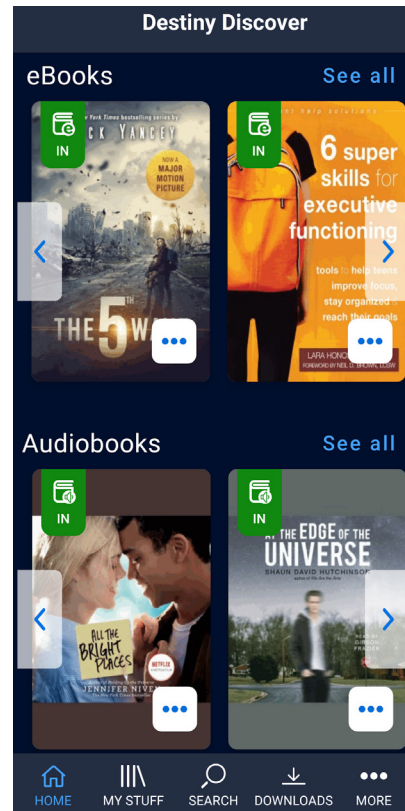
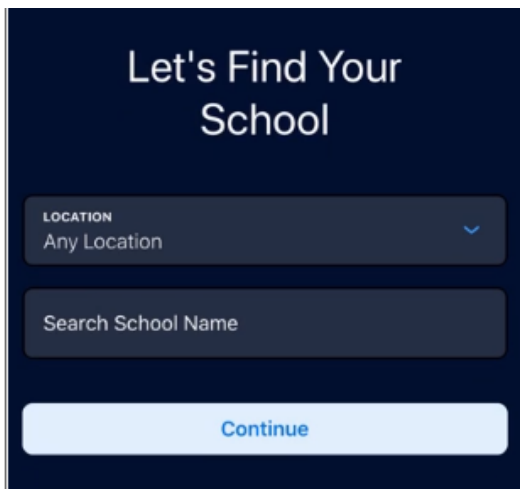
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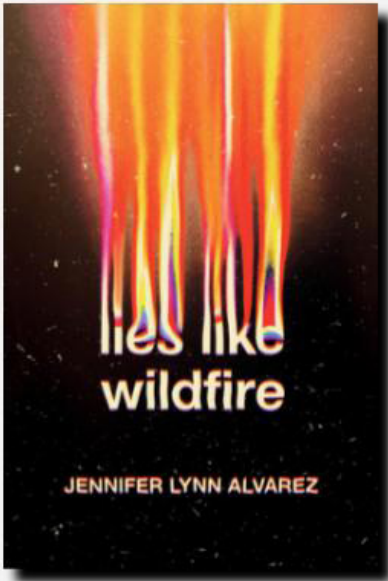
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## Mrs. Finney's Monthly YA Book Recommendation



*Lies Like Wildfire*  
By Jennifer Lynn Alvarez  
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This exciting new thriller follows the lives of Hannah and the “Monsters” - a group of teens in the summer before their freshman year in college, who accidentally start a wildfire in the California forest. They aren't planning on getting caught - not if they have a say in the manner. But that works until people start dying, including one of the Monsters. Soon their stories start to unravel. How far will Hannah go to keep her story a secret?



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# PTO Blues Backers February 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 SUCCESS

During the Fall activity season, the Blues Backers helped 14 clubs make **over \$10,000** by operating concession stands!

## JOIN THE WRHS PTO/BLUES BACKERS



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# PTO Blues Backers February 2022

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CHECK OUT OUR  
MERCHANDISE

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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed in a variety of ways:

- Organize concessions, staff appreciation, and post-prom
- Attend PTO Meetings: We are always seeking new ideas!

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. You are welcome to bring friends!

## NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16



Venmo now available!  
For purchasing items or memberships...  
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# PTO Blues Backers February 2022

## THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

### Jr. Blue Level

Emily and John Collins  
Verna Jackson and Larry Mock  
Jeff and Jenny Armstrong  
Brian and Danielle Casebeer  
Shelby Ross  
Ed and Carmen Raines  
Angela Truelove  
Rick and Casey Frisby  
Brian and Jenny Lang  
Dana Soph  
Brad and Amber Miller  
Cheryl Tuckwin  
Jason and Erin Nolte  
Jeremy and Susan Poling  
John and Jennifer Heim  
Thad and Megan Halstead  
Patrick and Jennifer Grogan  
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Jacqueline and Torey Lightcap  
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Travis and Bobbi Shinn  
Jen and Todd VandeVelde  
Jason and Morgan Padgett  
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Ron and Julie Daniels  
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Erik and Chelsea Blankenship  
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### Blue Level

Amos and Jamie Bazil  
Kara and Brandon Trieu  
Shannon Soden  
Charlotte Burton  
Patsy Bishop  
Sondra and Israel Marquez  
Tim and Karah Hight  
Noelle and Scott Resch  
Kris and Melissa Kasprzyk  
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# WRHS February Calendar

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## **Tuesday, February 1**

3pm Spring Play Auditions  
Boys Basketball vs. Topeka West  
ACT PowerPrep Class

## **Wednesday, February 2**

JV Bowling @ Olathe Lanes East  
ACT PowerPrep Class

## **Thursday, February 3**

2021-22 Club Date  
7:15am NHS Meeting  
Freshman Class Pre-enrollment for 2022-23 SY  
Regional Scholars' Bowl Tournament  
AP/IB Parent Meeting  
Intramural Basketball

## **Friday, February 4**

K&Q - Winter Homecoming Pep Assembly  
WRHS Forensics Tournament  
Boys/ Girls Basketball vs. Hayden (King & Queen of Hearts)

## **Saturday, February 5**

KSHSAA Regional Piano Festival  
WRHS Forensics Tournament  
KS Strength & Conditioning Coaches' Clinic  
JV Boys Wrestling @ Burlington JV State Tournament  
JV/V Girls Wrestling League Tournament  
Varsity Boys League Wrestling  
JV/V Bowling @ Olathe Lanes East  
Boys JV Basketball Vs. Olathe East  
Boys JV Basketball vs. Topeka West  
Winter Dance

## **Monday, February 7**

Intramural Basketball  
Board of Education Meeting  
Boys/ Girls Basketball vs. Junction City

## **Tuesday, February 8**

Boys/ Girls Basketball vs. Seaman  
PTO MEETING  
Spring Play Auditions - Call backs  
Boys/ Girls Basketball vs. Seaman

## **Wednesday, February 9**

Evening Parent/ Teacher Conferences  
JV/V Bowling @ West Ridge Lanes

## **Thursday, February 10**

9am Varsity Girls Wrestling Regionals  
Parent/ Teacher Conferences- No School  
Boys League Dive @ Topeka West

## **Friday, February 11**

WRHS Forensics Tournament  
Boys/ Girls Basketball @ Topeka High

## **Saturday, February 12**

WRHS Forensics Tournament  
9am 5A/6A Girls' Regional Wrestling Tournament  
3:30pm JV/V Bowling @ West Ridge Lanes  
9am Powerlifting Meet - Basehor-Linwood  
10am 6A State Scholars' Bowl Tournament

## **Monday, February 14**

No School

## **Tuesday, February 15**

Intramural Basketball

## **Wednesday, February 16**

10am Varsity Boys Bowling League  
Varsity Girls Bowling League  
WRHS Blues Backers February Meeting

## **Thursday, February 17**

2021-22 Club Date  
WRHS Site Council Meeting

## **Friday, February 18**

1pm JV Boys Bowling League  
12:30pm Varsity Girls Bowling League  
Boys/ Girls Basketball vs. Manhattan (Senior Night)

## **Saturday, February 19**

6am Food Service Training

## **Monday, February 21**

Intramural Basketball  
Board of Education Meeting

## **Tuesday, February 22**

Boys/ Girls Basketball @ Junction City  
Intramural Basketball  
Boys' Swim/Dive Awards Night

## **Wednesday, February 23**

Early Release - 45 Minutes  
KSHSAA 5A/6A Girls' State Wrestling Tournament

## **Thursday, February 24**

KSHSAA 5A/6A Girls' State Wrestling Tournament

## **Friday, February 25**

KSHSAA 6A Boys' State Wrestling Tournament  
Boys/ Girls Basketball @ Highland Park

## **Saturday, February 26**

KSHSAA 6A Boys' State Wrestling Tournament  
AF JROTC Military Ball

## **Monday, February 28**

2022-2023 Cheer Tryout Information Meeting