



Junior Blues News



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Featured Story

Career and Technical Education Program 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



Greetings!

Well, here we are at the end of the school year – and what a year it has been!

For those of you that have been following the life of our school, you know of our academic, athletic and extracurricular successes this year. We are the City or Co-City Champs in Girls' Tennis, Boys' Swim and Dive, Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Tennis, Boys' Golf and Girls' Golf; we are the Co-League Champs in Football; we are the Centennial League Champions in Boys' Soccer, Girls' Tennis, Boys' Bowling, Girls' Golf, Boys' Swim and Dive, Girls' Cross Country, Volleyball, Boys' Tennis, Boys' Wrestling, and Girls' Wrestling; we are Regional or Sub-State Champions in Boys' Soccer, Girls' Golf, Girls' Cross Country, Girls' Tennis, Volleyball, Boys' Wrestling, Girls' Basketball and Girls' Wrestling; we are the State Champions in 2-Speaker and 4-Speaker Debate, Dance, Girls' Basketball and Boys' Wrestling. Our spring sports are in full swing and doing quite well.

Our extra-curricular and co-curricular programs continue to flourish. Our AFJROTC unit has experienced a very exciting year. Their marksmanship team is the Air Force National Champion in the Orion National Air Rifle League Sporter Distinguished Division. They received an "Exceeds Standards" rating on their inspection. In April, they took a Curriculum in Action (CIA) trip to Washington, D.C. where they learned about our nation's history, experienced flight first hand at the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space museum and Honor Guard Cadets placed a Kansas themed wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The cadet unit performed over 2,000 hours of community service throughout the year.

Our Orchestra, Band, and Chorus took a fabulous trip to Orlando, Florida over spring break where they performed at Disney Springs and Magic Kingdom. Our Theatre Department and cast of *The Book of Will* were selected for a Main Stage Performance at the International Thespian Festival. They will travel to Bloomington, Indiana June 20-24. Ryan Pfeifer, who teaches in our Science Department, received the Milken Educator Award, considered the "Oscars of Teaching," which recognizes early-to-mid career education professionals for their high achievements and the promise of what they will accomplish in the years ahead. The parents, staff, students and community which WRHS serves have much to be proud of. It has been a truly exciting year!

Of course, this time of year also brings a great sense of excitement and anticipation for the upcoming summer months. In the past, some of this excitement has been shown in ways that reflected poorly on our school – most notably the graffiti that occasionally appears on road signs, streets and the personal property of homeowners in the district. It is disheartening to receive calls from the community when this occurs – particularly from the elderly, many of whom are not physically able to remove the graffiti themselves. If we all communicate the impact that such behavior has on our community, I am sure we can collectively address this concern in an effective manner!

On behalf of the staff at WRHS, I would like to wish you the best of summers! It has been an honor and pleasure working with you this year.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Raines". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ed Raines

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WRHS Counseling Office

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

Mental Health Resources for Parents of Adolescents and Young Adults

This [resource guide](#) links into several websites that have thorough information on a variety of teen mental health considerations and supports.

Senior Final Transcripts

All seniors who plan to attend college need to request a final high school transcript. Without this document, students will not be able to enroll. Students should login to the account they created at www.parchment.com. Place the order and select HOLD FOR GRADES. When the final transcript is available in June, our registrar will send the document to the attending college.

Resources for Parents of College Students

Senior parents may find the following resources useful as your children begin the transition beyond high school: [Transition to College: Separation and Change for Parents and Students](#) and [How to Successfully Parent Your College Student](#).

WRHS Counseling Website

The WRHS Counseling Website at bit.ly/wrhscounselors includes a variety of useful resources. We encourage families to explore the site thoroughly. Topics include: academic planning, academic testing, career exploration, financial aid, NCAA/NAIA, post-secondary planning, scholarships, social emotional, study skills, Topeka community resources, and more.

College Visits

As you start to make summer plans, we encourage families to visit college campuses including technical, community, and 4 year. 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>.

Summer 2022 College Entrance Exams

While many colleges will not require the SAT or ACT for admission for the Class of 2023, several will still award scholarships based on the results.

ACT Registration: www.act.org, June 11 and July 16

SAT Registration: www.collegeboard.org, June 4

[Preparation materials](#)

Summer Programs and Volunteer Opportunities

The WRHS counseling office publishes a [summer program](#) and [volunteer opportunity](#) resource document. We encourage families to explore these opportunities.

Schedules for 2022-23

Schedules for the 2022-23 school year will be available on Infinite Campus in mid-July. Counselors will be available during walk-in registration to assist students with changes. Counselors are not available during the summer and therefore, all requests need to be made during walk in registration.

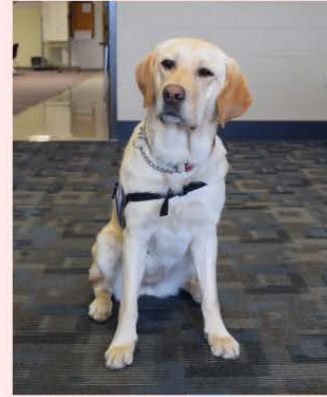
◆ Sources of Strength

RoundTable Event

Sources of Strength attended the first ever ROUNDTABLE event where 70 Peer Leaders from 6 Kansas and Missouri high schools got to share ideas, build positive connections, and be inspired with new ways to spread help, hope, and strength throughout their schools and communities. Our Sources of Strength members also presented at the event about all the amazing work our group has done throughout the school year.



Sugar!!



Surprise!! You've probably seen her around - but we have a new service dog! If you haven't already met her, you should stop by her daily roost in between class periods outside of the SPED department!

Check out this growth!!

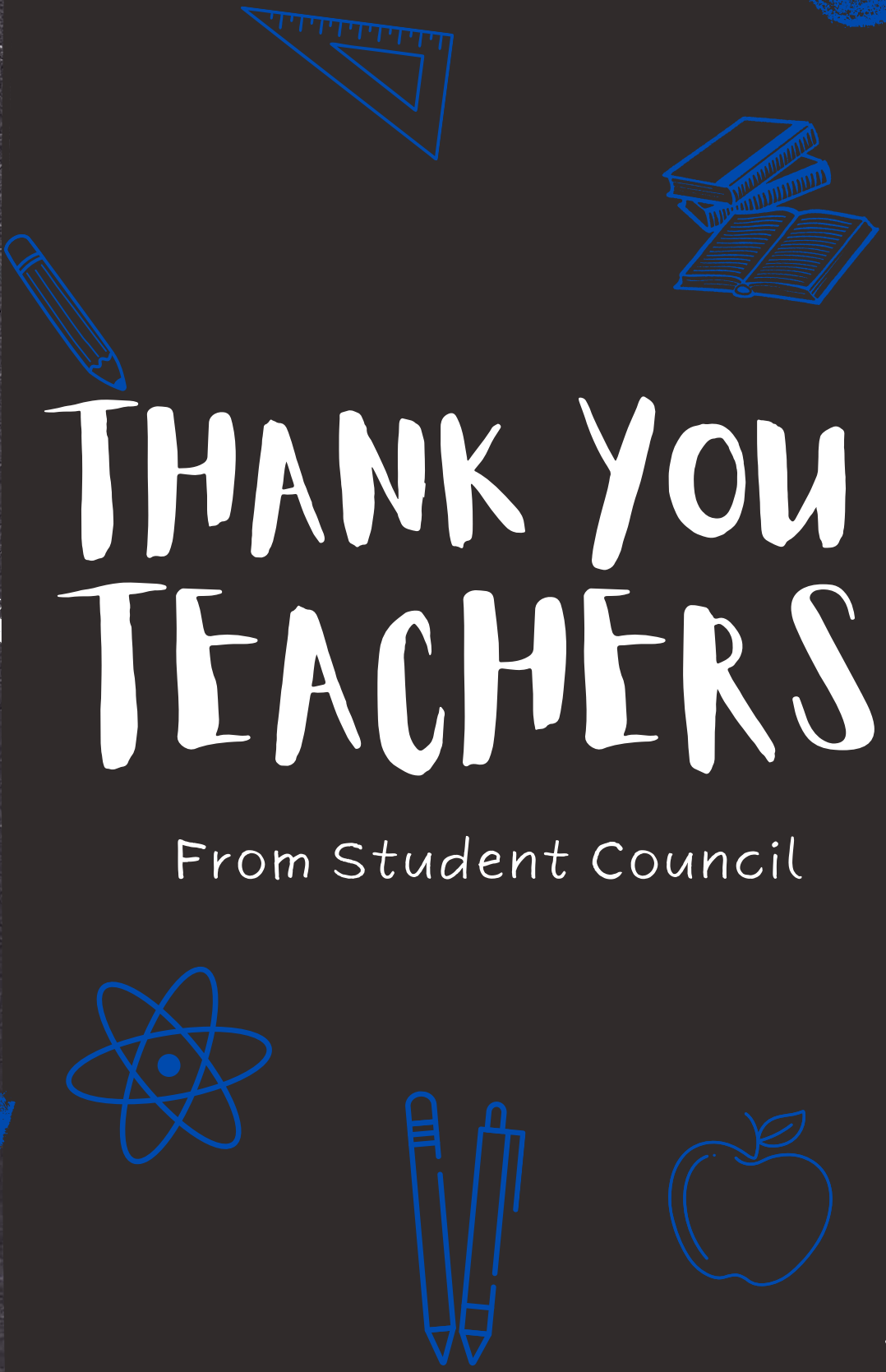


THANK YOU for all of the genuine, heartfelt responses that we received through this last advisory activity! While our trees may need some landscaping, it's been spectacular seeing everyone's unique responses.



Sources of Strength started their "What Helps Us" campaign.

This campaign focuses on what strengths help people when dealing with big emotions and normalizes having conversations about our emotional wellbeing. It highlights the true Norm: Our students and community already have lots of healthy coping skills to manage big emotions. We want to lift up those voices, learn from each other, and celebrate the ways we are growing in our mental, physical, relational, and emotional wellness as a school. For the last Advisory Mental Health Lesson, we made a video that highlights what Washburn Rural does to "help us." There was representation from groups all over Washburn Rural, such as clubs, teams, classes, and programs! Then each advisory student was able to write on a leaf what helps them, which created a collective growth of everything that helps Washburn Rural students!



THANK YOU TEACHERS

From Student Council

◆ Earth Day

The theme for Earth day 2022 was **Invest In Our Planet**. What will you do?

All together now! This is the moment to change it all: the business climate, the political climate, and the way we take action on climate. In order to preserve and protect our health, families, and livelihoods, we need to courageously Invest in Our Planet now. A green future is a prosperous future!

Earth is the ONLY home we have; to make a change, all of us need to act boldly, innovate broadly, and implement equitably. Everyone is accountable to partner for the planet. There is still time to solve the climate crisis and choose both a prosperous and sustainable future, and restore nature. Time is short to build a healthy planet for future generations.

Invest In Our Planet:

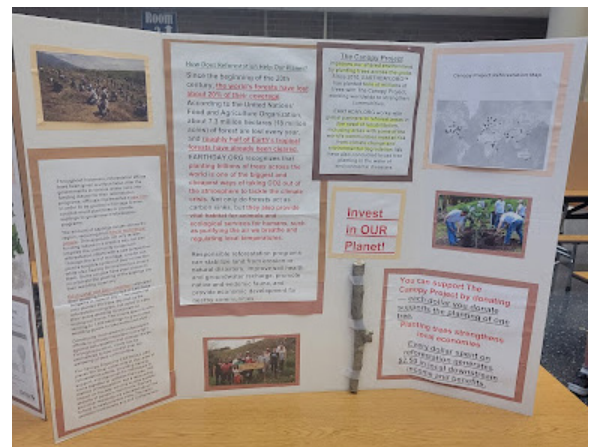
As individuals, we have the simple yet effective power to make our voices heard through our civic actions and personal interactions. This creates a huge ripple effect on our ecosystems!

Gen Z is providing inspiration, with **45%** having stopped purchasing certain brands because of ethical or sustainability concerns. Through our practices and climate-friendly investments, we have the power to take active steps to protect and support our environment and fight against those who don't.

The Great Global Cleanup is a worldwide campaign to remove billions of pieces of trash from neighborhoods, beaches, rivers, lakes, trails, and parks--- reducing waste and plastic pollution, improving habitats, and preventing harm to wildlife and humans. This program aims to continue clean-ups every day of the year for a brighter, greener, and cleaner planet. Where will you fit into the story of beautifying our world?

Earth Day Poster Fair: The special education department hosted an Earth day poster fair, they did a great job researching and presenting about the Earth.

These topics include: Plant Pollinators, Leave No Trace, Plastic Pollution, Endangered Species, Artist for the Earth, Plogging, Reforestation, The Canopy Project, Foodprints for the Future, Fashion for the Earth My Planet and My Closet



Natosha Rollins and Jesse Stolle with their presentations about Plant Pollinators. For more information please contact DIXIE SCHIERLMAN @ schiedix@usd437.net.

◆ Career and Technical Education

CTE@WRHS

Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Auburn-Washburn Distinguished Staff Award Winners!

Brian McFall, WRHS Business teacher, was recognized as a District Master Teacher. Mr. McFall teaches Consumer & Personal Finance, Business Essentials, ITGS, Banking & Finance, Investing and Marketing Management. He is instrumental in the success of all three businesses located in the Business Department: Common Grounds, WRHS Bank and The Shack. Mr. McFall also serves as one of our DECA sponsors and is responsible for taking the students to the National DECA Convention where all three businesses have obtained Gold Certification for the past seven years!

CTE staff are finishing the year strong providing students with hands-on learning and real-world experiences! You can learn more about Career Technical Education by visiting our website at wrhs.net/cte

Field Trips and Guest Speakers and More!

Business Finance: Stock Market Challenge

Junior Achievement of Kansas hosted the Stock Market Challenge on Thursday, March 31, 2022. WRHS students participated in the competitive program and learned about the stock market.

The Stock Market Challenge is a simulated computer “game” that allows students to make stock buys, trades and sell all while receiving real-time information about events happening both around the world and for the specific businesses we are trading. Students will be competing for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The event was designed to simulate an actual trading floor.

The team of students representing WRHS were Kyler Knudtson, Dylan Dodge and Nick Luetje they learned to work together, leverage each other’s strengths, and apply critical thinking while analyzing news and data during the competition. Each team was given \$1 million to see who could turn it into the highest value.



Robotics & Engineering Drawing

Automotive manufacturers hire engineers to redesign cars in order to make them safer. This process always involves a trade-off between cost of manufacturing a new design and level of safety. Students in Mr. Gerlach’s class have a better understanding of this trade-off and the concept of cost to benefit ratio. Student groups were provided a generic car base on which to design a device/enclosure to protect an egg as it rolls down a ramp at increasing slopes. During this in-depth physics-science-technology-math activity, student teams designed, built and tested their prototype creations to meet the design challenge. Watch the results of a few of the test runs by clicking [here](#).

A great reminder to buckle up whether you’re the driver or the passenger!

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Restaurant & Event Management: Cakes & Cookies



Celebrity Guest

Kellen Whaley, a Junction City High School graduate, discovered a passion for baking, specifically cookies. His successful side hustle landed him a spot on the Food Network's *Christmas Cookie Challenge* (which he won!) and has also appeared on the show *Cookie Wars*. Kellen spoke to Meal Management students about his career and demonstrated his cookie decorating skills for students to observe.



Cake Show

Students in Meal Management 2 held a decorating contest of their own. Their cakes were on display and students from other classes voted for their favorite creations. Click [here](#) to view a slideshow of the confectionary creations!

Work Based Learning: Job Shadow and Internships



Capitol Federal Shadow Day

On April 5th banking and finance / investing students from the WRHS Bank participated in a shadow day at Capitol Federal. The purpose of the day was an opportunity to introduce high school students to the banking industry and all of the careers available at Capitol Federal.

The day started off with an introduction to banking and looking at the big picture. The students then got to take a tour of the Home Office on Kansas Avenue. After a highlight from each banking department students had the opportunity to shadow employees from different departments. This time allowed the students to discuss the following with the student: overview of a "typical" day, what they love about their work, their career path – any degrees/certifications required, company/industry growth potential, things they wished a seasoned professional had told them as a student, and introduce the student to coworkers and colleagues and explain how they and their colleagues collaborate.

The shadow time opportunities focused on the following areas: Human Resources/Training, Marketing, Branch Management, Accounting, Audit, Information Technology, Financial Intelligence Unit, Lending/Underwriting,

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Capitol Federal Shadow Day (continued)

IRA/Regulatory Reporting Department, Banking Operations, Compliance & Risk Management, Cybersecurity, Transaction Account Services, and Deposit Services

The day ended with a question/answer panel with lunch and prizes! A big thank you to Liz Walker (Human Resources) for planning this day for us at Capitol Federal. If you are interested in an internship or employment at Capitol Federal please visit their website at: <https://www.capfed.com/>

Sam's Club Internship Program



Sam's Club Topeka staff held an informational meeting about their 10-week summer High School Internship Program. Interested students will apply and complete the interview process. Those chosen for the program will learn about Sam's Club retail business model, culture and inclusion, service to others, business technology, fresh food production, merchandising, and warehouse operations. Sam's club offers competitive wages and a number of benefits. View their program brochure by clicking [here](#).

Construction & Design



Do your summer plans include organizing your lawn and garden tools?

If so, you might consider supporting the Construction & Design program by purchasing this high-quality, student-built garden shed.

- Dimensions: 10' x 12' with 8' walls
- 4' double wide doors
- Shingled 6/12 pitched roof
- Primed 8" oc, reverse board and bat
- 2x6 treat floor system sitting on 6x6 skids
- Cost: \$3000 (without delivery, delivery is estimated at \$300)

For more information contact:

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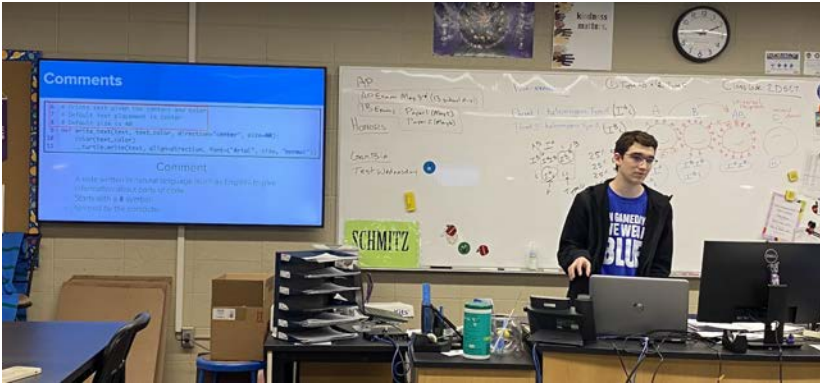
Twenty one Construction & Design students attended the Construction Expo At Pittsburg State University on April 13. They had the opportunity to experience first-hand tools, equipment, and techniques used in the field today and through live demonstrations, presentations, and interactive exhibits they explored career opportunities and met future employers.

The students are also busy putting the finishing touches on the home that will be moved to the Hi Crest neighborhood this summer. WRHS partners with SENT Topeka to help them advance their mission of transforming neighborhoods in Shawnee County by providing affordable housing solutions. You can learn more about SENT by visiting their website senttopeka.com or find them on [Facebook](#).

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Programming & Software Development

Computer Science Honor Society (CSHS) students partnered with Honors Biology classes to do an Hour of Code where they combined their knowledge of genotypes with some basic coding. CSHS students presented the lesson and provided support to the Biology students who learned a more efficient way to solve the Punnett squares that predict the probability of an offspring having a particular genotype, like eye color, in humans.



Visit wrhs.net/cte to find summer employment opportunities, educational camps and experiences, and college courses available to high school students. Questions? Contact Mrs. Golden, goldeter@usd437.net

◆ FFA State Contest

On April 31 - May 1 students competed at the FFA State Contest!

- Kelli Kychik placed 3rd in Horse Judging
- Adrian Cox placed 9th in Agronomy
- Kyler Gronewaller placed 2nd in Entomology, 7th in Floriculture, 9th Nursery and Landscape
- The agronomy team of Kyler and Adrian placed 9th even being down a member!

For more information please contact Mr. Vandervort or Lauren Westhoff. To learn more about FFA please visit: <https://www.ksffa.org/about/>





Sponsored by Silver Lake Bank

Senior Spotlight



My name is Andrew Trimble, and I am the vice president of the WRHS Bank. I have been part of the bank junior and senior year. My favorite part of the bank is gaining valuable job experience, while also getting the opportunity to make friends along the way. After graduating, I plan to dual major in accounting and finance at the University of Kansas.

Congratulations to the 2022-2023 WRHS Bank Staff!

New:

Abuhijleh, Qays
Casebeer, Mason
Fink, Grayson
Maru, Jal
Velagandula, Abhinav

Returning:

Dodge, Dylan
Koci, Andrew
MacDonald, Lily
Peter, Kayla

Join the Junior Blue Crew!

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.



Zero Hour

Rebecca Hoopes Destiny Ochs
Madison Stout Madline Carter
Kaliya Fulton Makayla Ekis
Hayden Keller Dylan Dodge
Saige Trent

*Congrats to next
years Common
Grounds crew!!*

FIRST HOUR

Rebecca Hoopes Madeline Carter
Grayson Fink Hailey Beyer
Taylor Brown Trinity Hobart

Fifth Hour

Brooklyn DeLeye Megan Fawl
Nevaeha Frost Elizabeth Lane
Shane Sexton Mackenzie Smith
Tyler Tarman Evelyn Diaz-Reyes
Brinn Reelfs Jayden Grabauskas

Sixth Hour

Addison Broxterman
Nevaeha Frost Elizabeth Lane
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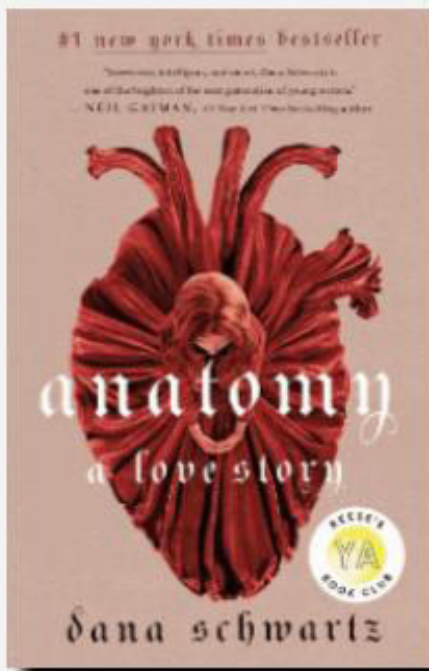
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Mrs. Finney's Monthly Young Adult Book Recommendation



May 2022



Anatomy: A Love Story By Sana Schwartz F SCH

In this fantasy-historical fiction blend, you'll find yourself in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1817. Hazel, a lady of society, would rather be a surgeon than be married off to secure a family fortune, but those doors are closed to her. Until she meets Jack, a resurrection man. Jack helps Hazel get cadavers for her education, and Hazel helps the poor community of Edinburgh by providing free healthcare in the basement of her family home. What could go wrong?



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Washburn Rural High School
Summer Reading 2022
<http://library.usd437.net>

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Topeka, KS 66619
785-339-4197

*Take advantage of your high school library!
Check out books for summer.*

- Visit the library website [<http://library.usd437.net>], select WRHS then login (upper right) to **Sign in with Google** and search for materials to place holds.
- Parental approval is needed for summer checkout. (Please review the information below.)
- Students may borrow up to 15 items for summer.
- Email a librarian if you have technical difficulties or would like holds to be placed for you.
- ***Students not returning to WRHS, for whatever reason, are not to participate.***

CHECKOUT LIBRARY BOOKS for Summer: **Wednesday, May 18 - Wednesday, May 25** before or after school, or during study period with a signed pass from your teacher.

- ❖ Students may exchange books for new titles during the summer. The library will be open **Tuesday, June 28th** and **Thursday, July 21st** from **1 pm to 3 pm**.
- ❖ **All materials are due back during the first week of school in August.**

If you have questions, speak with a librarian:

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WRHS Library Summer Checkout Responsibility Agreement - Parent/Guardian Signature Form

(Student Name) _____ has permission to borrow _____ (up to 15) books from the Washburn Rural High School Library for the summer. These books are to return to the WRHS Library during the first week of school, August 15-19, 2022.

Per the WRHS Student Handbook, when students check out library materials, it is the responsibility of the student to return them in the same condition as they received them. Library materials not returned or returned damaged will result in the student being assessed a charge for the lost or damaged materials.

Students not returning, for whatever reason, to WRHS in the fall should not participate.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent phone number: _____

FOOD TRUCK NIGHT

to benefit AW Libraries' Visiting Author Fund

Wednesday, May 18th

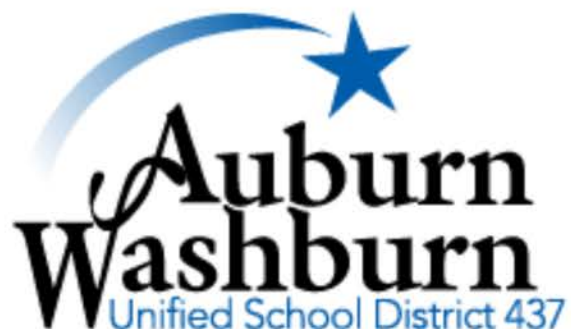
5:30-7:30 PM



Take a break from cooking dinner and help us raise money for the Auburn-Washburn District Libraries' Visiting Author Fund!

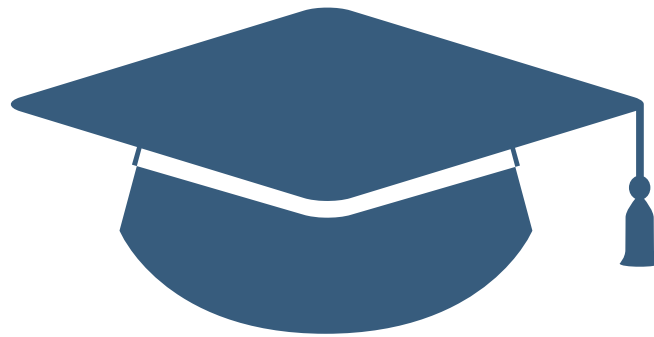
Where: Washburn Rural High School west staff parking Lot - Entrance off of Wanamaker Road

Trucks: Poppin Squeeze
Tod's BBQ
The Burger Bus



**CLASS OF 2023
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*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

(Important: send Senior Salute images in a separate email to 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

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



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PTO Blues Backers May 2022

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

The Blues Backers were pleased to host Post Prom in early April after a two year hiatus. Boots and Bling was a success! We could never have pulled this event off without all of our donors, sponsors, and volunteers. Washburn Rural Senior and Juniors who attended were treated to a night of free food, snacks, desserts, drinks, activities and raffle tickets. They played Laser Tag, Poker, Ga Ga Ball, Blackjack, Corn Hole, Ping-pong and Dodgeball among other games. Some rode the Mechanical Bull, others watched and cheered. Enjoyed by many were the Zorbs, the Wrecking Ball, Henna body art, the Magic Mirror Photos and the Money Booth - where the luckiest left with fistfulls of money and coupons. Be it luck or skill, students threw down and rose up in the Rock Paper Scissors Tournament until the final four were rewarded with Visa Gift Cards. Following the championship round, 36 prizes from outdoor equipment, self care, and dorm supplies to activity passes, shopping cards and electronics were awarded in the Raffle Drawing to those steadfast enough to stay to the very end (as always some left early and their great prizes went to the next name drawn). By the end of the night most were pleasantly tired, but fun was had by all who sought it. We would like to thank everyone who supported the event in so many ways, whether great or small, your efforts and generosity made the difference.

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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

FINAL MEETING OF 2022 WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

We have a couple of volunteer positions opening next year and would love to have these filled. If you are at all interested, please come to our next meeting or contact Ann Rausch.

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. You are welcome to bring friends. We would love to see you!

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THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

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WRHS May Calendar

Monday, May 2nd

Varsity Boys Tennis League Meet
JV Boys' Golf at City Meet
V Boys' Golf at League Meet (Manhattan)
MS Track & Field Relays Meet
C Team Baseball @ Hayden
JV/V Girls Soccer @ Junction City

Tuesday, May 3rd

JV Boys Tennis League Meet
Varsity Girls Swim/Dive Topeka High Invite
JV/V Softball vs. Seaman
JV/V Girls Soccer @ Emporia

Wednesday, May 4th

Renaissance End of Semester Celebration
New Staff Meeting
JV Track and Field League Meet
Orchestra Concert

Thursday, May 5th

V Boys' Golf at JC Invite
C Team Baseball vs. Olathe West
JV/V Girls Soccer vs. Wichita Northwest
Spring Bands Festival and BBQ

Friday, May 6th

No School (Staff Day)
6A Boys Regional Tennis - hosted by WaRu
Varsity Girls Swim/Dive (City)
Varsity Track and Field Joe Schrag Invite
JV Baseball vs. Junction City
JV/V Softball vs. Junction City
4pm Varsity Baseball @ Junction City
C Team Baseball @ Ottawa High

Saturday, May 7th

KSHSAA 4A State Speech Tournament
6A Boys Tennis Regional - hosted by WaRu

Monday, May 9th

6A Boys Tennis Regional - hosted by WaRu
JV/V Girls Soccer vs. Topeka High
Bands Banquet/Awards Night

Tuesday, May 10th

Varsity Baseball vs Highland Park
Varsity Softball vs. Highland Park

Wednesday, May 11th

Early Release - 45 Minutes
FFA Banquet/Awards Night
PTO Meeting

Thursday, May 12th

Club Date
NHS Meeting
Varsity Girls Dive (League)
Varsity Track and Field League Meet
Varsity Girls Swim (League)
JV Baseball @ Olathe East
JV/V Girls Soccer vs Hayden
One Act Plays

Friday, May 13th

KSHSAA 6A State Tennis

Saturday, May 14th

KSHSAA 6A State Tennis
TG Farewell

Sunday, May 15th

Class of 2022 Graduation

Monday, May 16th

V Boys' Golf at Regional Tournament (JC)

Tuesday, May 17th

Girls Soccer Regionals Day 1
Girls' Swim/Dive Banquet/Awards Night

Wednesday, May 18th

Library Fundraiser - Food truck event
Debate/Forensics Awards Night

Thursday, May 19th

Girls State Dive Prelims
Girls Soccer Regionals Day 2

Friday, May 20th

Girls State Dive Semi-finals
Girls Swim Prelims
Varsity Track and Field Regionals

Saturday, May 21

Girls State Diving/Swim Finals

Monday, May 23

V Boys' Golf at State (Dodge City)
Baseball Awards Night

Tuesday, May 24

V Boys' Golf at State (Dodge City)
Girls Soccer State Quarterfinals
Softball Banquet/Awards Night

Wednesday, May 25

Last Day of School - Half Day
Girls' Soccer Banquet/Awards Night

Thursday, May 26

Baseball State Tournament
Softball State Tournament

Friday, May 27

Baseball State Tournament
Softball State Tournament
Track and Field State Meet
Girls Soccer State Semi-finals

Saturday, May 28

Track and Field State Meet
Girls Soccer State Finals