



Junior Blues News



May 2024

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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 Champs in Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Swim, Girls' Tennis, and Boys' Golf; we are the Centennial League Champions in Boys' Soccer, Girls' Tennis, Football, Girls' Wrestling, Boys' Wrestling, Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Swim, Boys' Bowling, Girls' Bowling, Volleyball, and Baseball; we are Regional or Sub-State Champions in Boys' Soccer, Girls' Tennis, Volleyball, Football, Girls' Cross Country, Girls' Wrestling, Boys' Wrestling, Girls' Bowling,

Scholars Bowl, and Girls' Basketball; we are the State Champions in 4-Speaker Debate and Girls' Wrestling. Kevin Bordewick-Volleyball, Matt Swedlund-Girls Cross Country, Steve Buhler-Football, and Brian Hensyel-Soccer, all were named Centennial League Coach of the Year; Josh Hogan was named Regional Boys' Wrestling Coach of the Year. In addition, we have two State Boys' Swim Champs: Brogan Meier 50-yard Freestyle and Jack Miranda 500-yard Freestyle, we have three State Boys' Wrestling Champs: Easton Broxterman 132 lb. weight class, Brody Byrne 157 lb. weight class, and Kristjan Marshall 150 lb. weight class. We are hopeful for a strong finish to the spring season as well.

Our extra-curricular and co-curricular programs continue to flourish. Our AFJROTC unit Cadets have brought their learning to life, engaging in aerial refueling exercises with the 190th Air Refueling Wing. This April, they explored the National Air Force Museum and Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. Before the academic year concludes, they will soar one more, this time with the Army National Guard aboard Blackhawk helicopters. Their commitment to community service is commendable, with over 2,000 hours dedicated for the sixth year running, alongside color guard and honor guard services at more than 20 local organizations and WRHS events.

Our Orchestra, Band, and Chorus took a fabulous trip to San Diego and Los Angeles, California over spring break where they performed at Universal Studios. The WRHS Chorale, Concert Choir, Chamber Orchestra, and Wind Ensemble all achieved top ratings at the KSHSAA State Large Group Music Festival in April. Our Theatre Program has experienced another phenomenal year! The cast and crew of "Frankenstein" earned a spot for a "main stage" performance at the Kansas Thespian Conference in January. On May 5, the cast of "Fiddler on the Foot" will showcase a musical piece as finalists at the Jester Awards ceremony in Wichita. The WRHS community has every reason to be proud of these accomplishments in a truly dynamic year!

The entire team at WRHS extends our warmest wishes for a fantastic summer! Working with you over the past year has been both an honor and a joy.

Best,

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

Ed Raines, Principal

WRHS Counseling Office

[Counseling Website](#)

Twitter Updates: [@wrhsgo](#)

Crisis Hotline: 785-232-5005 or 988

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 Naviance and select FINAL TRANSCRIPT. 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](#).

FAFSA

The Class of 2024 are well aware that the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) changed this year. There are reports of several delays and we encourage families to reach out to a college's financial aid office for support when needed. For the Class of 2025, FAFSA has not released when it will open. The most up to date information can be found on the FAFSA website at <https://studentaid.gov/>.

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>. Questions to ask college representatives can be found at <https://www.road2college.com/insightful-questions-to-ask-an-admissions-officer/>.

Summer 2024 College Entrance Exams

While many colleges will not require the SAT or ACT for admission for the Class of 2025, several will still award scholarships based on the results. Most WRHS students take the ACT twice. Both ACT and SAT are accepted at every college.

- ACT Registration: www.act.org
- SAT Registration: www.collegeboard.org
- [Preparation materials](#)

Summer Programs and Volunteer Opportunities

The WRHS counseling office publishes a [summer program](#) and [volunteer opportunity](#) resource document. We encourage families and students to explore opportunities outside of the classroom!

Schedules for 2024-25

Tentative schedules for the 2024-25 school year will be available on Infinite Campus in mid-July. Counselors will be available during walk-in registration on August 1 and 2 to assist students with gaps and misplaced courses. Counselors are not available during the summer and therefore, all requests need to be made during walk in registration.

Preparing For IB Final Exams

When are IB final exams, and where will they be administered?

Exams begin on April 26 and end on May 17. All exams will be administered in the WRHS library, adjacent labs, or other nearby spaces (subject to change). Please see the schedule below for more details.

Do students sit for final exams in every IB subject?

No. Students enrolled in Group 6: The Arts courses do not sit for finals in those subjects. Instead, they have already completed portfolios, exhibitions, and other projects that are assessed by IB examiners. All other courses conclude with two or three final exams.

When will students receive their scores?

Students will be able to access their scores online on July 6 at 10:30am. The WRHS IB coordinator will share the website and login credentials with students in May.

How should students prepare for exams?

1. Eat and sleep well. Our bodies and brains perform better when we take care of them.
2. Use a space that is conducive to studying. It should be quiet, comfortable, and free of distractions.
3. Resist the temptation to procrastinate.
4. Make a plan and stick to it.
5. Know when you're sitting for certain exams, so you can prioritize subjects. Don't try to prepare for everything everyday.
6. Take breaks and reward yourself.
7. Form study groups and talk things out.
8. Prioritize your toughest subjects.
9. Know what to expect in the exam room. While students should be well aware of exam structures and topics at this point, they should not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Bowling or their teachers if they have questions.
10. Remember this: nothing that happens during final exams will make or break your life's fortunes. Relax and show off what you can do.



2024 WRHS IB Final Exam Schedule

Date	Exam	Location	Exam Time	Duration
Friday, April 26	Business Management SL Paper 1	WOCR	1:00pm	1h 30m
Wednesday, May 1	Business Management SL Paper 2	WOCR	9:00am	1h 30m
Wednesday, May 1	Math AA HL Paper 1 Math AA SL Paper 1 Math AI SL Paper 1	Library	1:00pm	2h 1h 30m 1h 30m
Thursday, May 2	Math AA HL Paper 2 Math AA SL Paper 2 Math AI SL Paper 2	Library	9:00am	2h 1h 30m 1h 30m
Thursday, May 2	ESS Paper 1	Lab C	1:00pm	1h
Monday, May 6	ESS Paper 2	Lab C	9:00am	2h

Monday, May 6	German HL Paper 1, 2 (Reading)	Lab C	1:00pm	1h 30m 1h
	German ab initio Paper 1, 2 (Reading)			1h 1h
	Mandarin ab initio Paper 1, 2 (Reading) Math AA HL Paper 3			1h 1h 1h
Monday, May 6	Math AA HL Paper 3	Lab D	1:00pm	1h
Tuesday, May 7	German HL Paper 2 (Listening)	Lab C	9:00am	1h
	German ab initio Paper 2 (Listening)	Lab D		45m
	Mandarin ab initio Paper 2 (Listening)	WOCR		45m
Tuesday, May 7	History HL/SL Paper 1 History HL/SL Paper 2	Lab C	1:00pm	1h 1h 30m
Wednesday, May 8	History HL Paper 3	Lab C	9:00am	2h 30m
Wednesday, May 8	Chemistry HL Paper 1 Chemistry HL Paper 3	Lab C	1:00pm	1h 1h 15m
Thursday, May 9	Chemistry HL Paper 2	Lab C	9:00am	2h 15m
Thursday, May 9	Literature HL Paper 1	Library	1:00pm	2h 15m
Friday, May 10	Literature HL Paper 2	Library	9:00am	1h 45m
Friday, May 10	Psychology SL Paper 1	Lab C (possibly SEC classroom)	1:00pm	2h
Monday, May 13	Psychology SL Paper 2	Lab C	9:00am	1h
Monday, May 13	Biology HL Paper 1 Biology HL Paper 3	Lab C	1:00pm	1h 1h 15m
Tuesday, May 14	Biology HL Paper 2	Lab C	9:00am	2h 15m
Tuesday, May 14	Spanish B HL Paper 1, 2 (Reading)	Lab C	1:00pm	1h 30m 1h 15m
Wednesday, May 15	Spanish B HL Paper 2 (Listening)	Lab C	9:00am	1h
Thursday, May 16	French ab initio Paper 1, 2 (Reading)	Lab C	1:00pm	1h 1h
Friday, May 17	French ab initio Paper 2 (Listening)	Lab C	9:00am	45m

IB Learner Profile

Inquirers–Caring–Thinkers–Communicators–Balanced–Principled–Risk
Takers–Knowledgeable–Open-minded–Reflective

For more information on our diploma program, please visit the [WRHS IB website](#).

◆ Music Department Highlights

Contest Solos and Ensembles

WRHS Choir, Band, and Orchestra kids have been working extremely hard with upcoming contests and solos! The Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival was held at Shawnee Heights on April 13th for small groups, and solos. Solos and ensembles that achieved a 1, or superior, rating had the chance to perform again on April 27th at WRHS for the State Solo and Ensemble Festival. All of our large ensembles traveled to Lawrence, KS for the State Large Group Festival. Students have prepared rigorously for months and months on this music and were more than ready to take this opportunity to make high rankings. These groups hoped to achieve a 1 (superior) score at these contests to receive the highest honor through KSHSAA for both small and large groups!

Music fest

Students have been given so many opportunities this year, and have been working hard to give it their all. With so many contests, performances and opportunities, students were welcome to attend Choirfest, bandfest, and orchestra fest and be surrounded by fantastic concerts and music worldwide! Which was held on April 30th, May 1st, and May 2nd. These students have inspired so many people and kids with their music and it's wonderful to watch these amazing students grow and become more passionate in music.

Choir Banquet

This year is the first ever chorus program banquet!! It will be at 6:00pm in the cafeteria on 5/14. Senior families, this is when White Roses will be handed out to students... NOT at the pops concert as in years past. This event is going to be a fantastic way to highlight the successes of our students this year. :) More details coming soon!

Music Fair

The music department hosted our "Music Fair" night for incoming 5th graders in the school district. On this night, they had the opportunity to visit the band, choir, and orchestra room to try out instruments and see what each class is all about. WRHS students volunteered at this event by helping 4th graders try instruments. Some WRHS students also played in small groups to show how great each instrument can sound.



Contest results!!

A huge congratulations to our Music Department!!! The WRHS Chorale, WRHS Concert Choir, Chamber Orchestra, and Wind Ensemble all received 1 ratings (Outstanding - the best) at the KSHSAA State Large Group Music Festival

◆ Art Department

35 students from WRHS traveled to Highland Community College Thursday, April 18, to participate in Highland Art Day. 45 schools were in attendance. Each school can exhibit 30 works of art which compete against work from other schools. This year over 1200 works were on display. WRHS received 3rd place in the overall juried exhibition. In addition, students participate in onsite workshops and competitions. WaRu students (Syd Laster, Kyleigh Chrisman and Elli Brandt) took 1st place in the Art History competition and senior [Aytumn Sanchez](#), [received 1st place in the onsite Self-Portrait competition.](#)

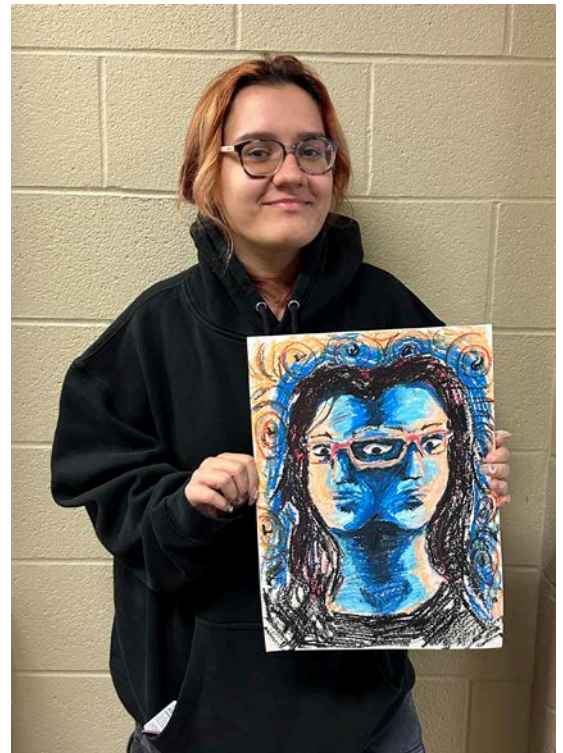
Congratulations to the following students who received individual recognition for their work in the juried showcase:

Honorable Mention:

- Phoebe Harrison [“Meggy”](#) (Painting)
- Ryn Bartlett [“Raku Trash Can”](#) (Ceramics)
- Elizabeth Brandt [“Interactionism”](#) (Mixed Media)

Artistic Excellence:

- Maya Baier [“Loneliness”](#) (Ceramics)
- Brooklyn Bowling [“Glasses”](#) (Printmaking)
- Ashton Dawley [“Bloom of Bones”](#) (Painting)
- Syd Laster [“Estranged”](#) (Painting)
- Ryn Bartlett [“Tea Time”](#) (Ceramics)



Two WRHS students received Best of Show honors. One of these is presented to one student/work per category.

Best of Show for Painting:

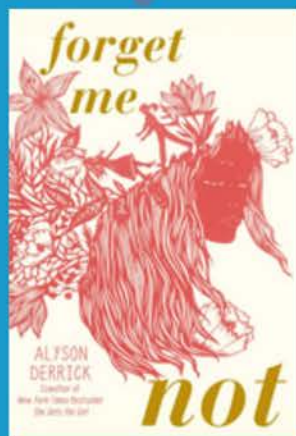
- Syd Laster [“Working Man’s Breakfast”](#) (Painting)

Best of Show for Drawing:

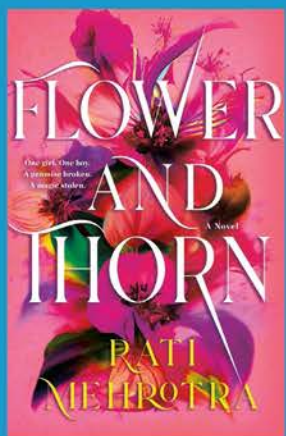
- Elli Brandt [“Serenity”](#) (Drawing)

[CLICK HERE](#) to see award winning work and/or [HERE](#) to see images from the day.

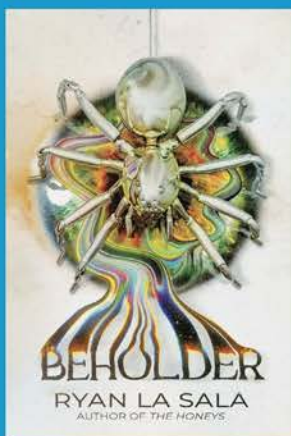
Mrs. Finney's Hot Picks for Summer Reads!



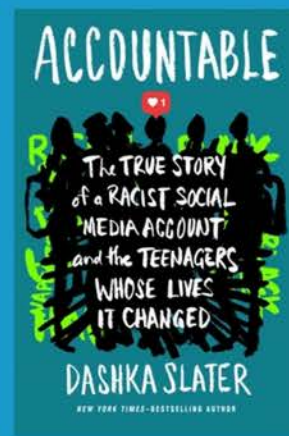
Romance: Stevie and Nora have graduated High School, and just have to survive the summer before they can move to California, until a horrible accident tears them apart.



Fantasy: Irinya is a flower hunter in Medieval India. When she is tricked into giving away a magical flower, she must travel to the capitol to retrieve it and save her Kul.



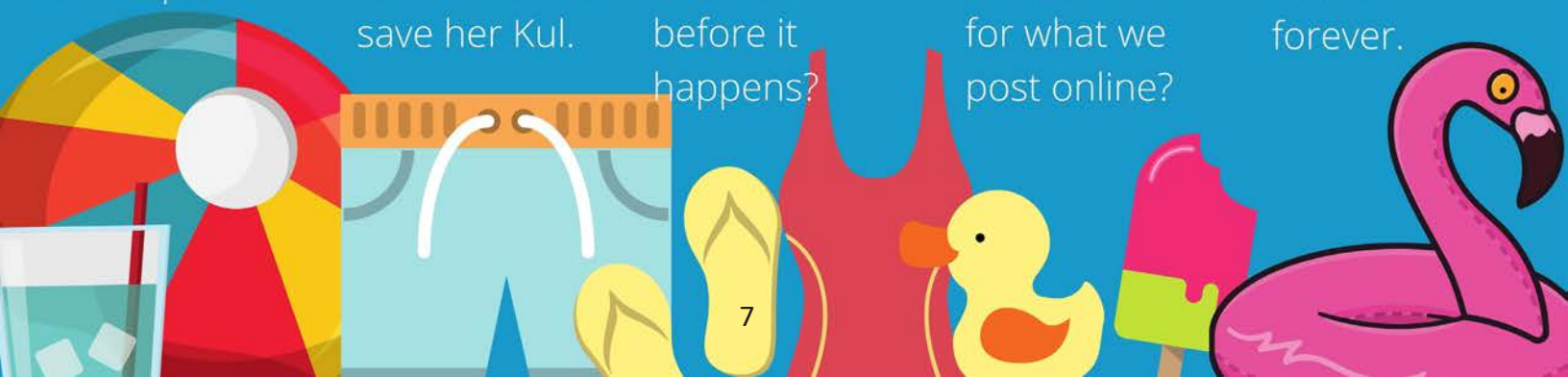
Horror: Athan can see the history behind every mirror, so he avoids them, until people start turning up brutally murdered. Can he stop the next one before it happens?



Non-Fiction: A private Instagram account goes public and tears a school apart. It makes us face the question: how do we hold each other accountable for what we post online?



Fantasy: A witch and a pirate must work together to escape Sinner's Isle, a prison for magical women, before their fates are sealed forever.





WRHS Library 2024 Summer Reading Bingo

BINGO



Genre: Historical Fantasy	Bought from Round Table in NOTO	Set in the 80s or 90s	A book from WRHS Library	Recommended by a friend.
Published in 2024	Featured on BookTok	A two-word Title	With a Purple Cover	A Non-Linear Time Line
Features a Podcast	Borrowed from TSCPL	Free Space	Taken from a Little Free Library	400+ Pages
Title Starts with the Letter "L"	Genre: Science Fiction	A Retelling of a Classic or Fairy Tale	A Banned or Challenged Book	Genre: Novel in Verse
Written by a Diverse Author	One you picked only because of the Cover	An Award Winning Book	Genre: Non-Fiction or Biography	Graphic Novel Format



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- homework help
- reading recommendations
- area job openings
- school activities and more



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get 5 in a row & win a prize!

Media Center



Washburn Rural High School
Summer Library Book Checkout Form 2024
<http://library.usd437.net>

5900 SW 61st Street
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: **Tuesday, May 14 - Thursday, May 23** 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 **Thursday, June 20th** and **Thursday, July 18th** from **1 pm to 3 pm**.
- ❖ All materials are due back during the first week of school in August.

Summer Adventure: Reading Challenge from the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library.
Learn more: <https://tscpl.org/summer>
June 1 - July 31



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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 15-18, 2023.

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: _____

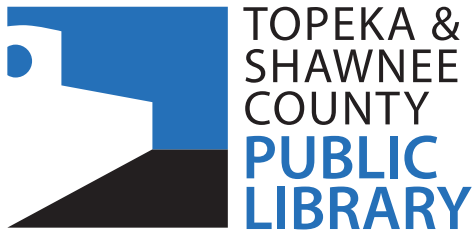
Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent phone number: _____

Read, create and play with Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library's Summer Reading & Events June 1 - July 31! A trip to the library, Adventuremobile or tscpl.org is a great way to keep brains active and entertained with adventure themed activities. Learn more about the reading challenge, the gallery's art exhibit for kids and events full of games, crafts and fun at tscpl.org/summer.





DOWNLOAD
BEANSTACK APP



tscpl.org/summer

Kids & teens read 8 hours during June & July and earn prizes

Use the Beanstack app to track your minutes read to be eligible for prizes or turn in your log at the Kids Library or Bookmobile by July 31 and kids get to pick out a free book.

Prizes

Kids & Teens will earn a prize for every 2 hours of reading up to 8 hours. Of course reading more than 8 hours will make librarians and your parents super happy so the prize beyond that is our smiles.

Adults read 6 books June 1 through July 31 to win two great prizes (one at 3 books, one at 6 books).



FRIDGE TRACKER • KIDS

Use this tracker to put on your refrigerator as a reminder to record your reading.

Full Name: _____

Username: _____

Password: _____

Phone: _____



June 1 - July 31

20 minutes
 20 minutes
 20 minutes
 20 minutes
 20 minutes
 20 minutes

2 hours
Prize picked up!

20 minutes
 20 minutes
 20 minutes
 20 minutes
 20 minutes
 20 minutes

4 hours
Prize picked up!

20 minutes
 20 minutes
 20 minutes
 20 minutes
 20 minutes
 20 minutes

6 hours
Prize picked up!

20 minutes
 20 minutes
 20 minutes
 20 minutes
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 20 minutes

8 hours
Book picked up!

TOTAL 8 hours+
Choose a book prize!





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#READALLTHECOMICS

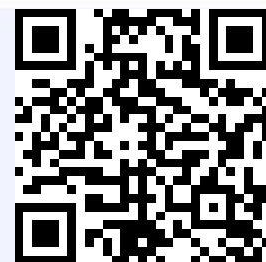
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HOW TO ACCESS COMICS PLUS:

Access this State Library of Kansas resource from: <https://is.gd/TpPrzt>

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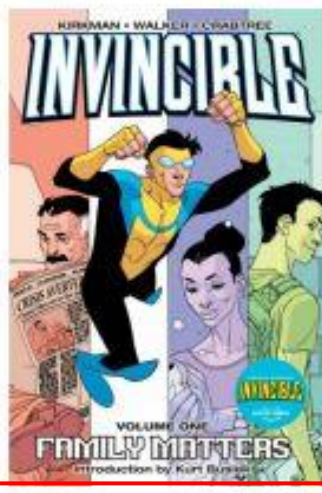


SUMMER PICKS

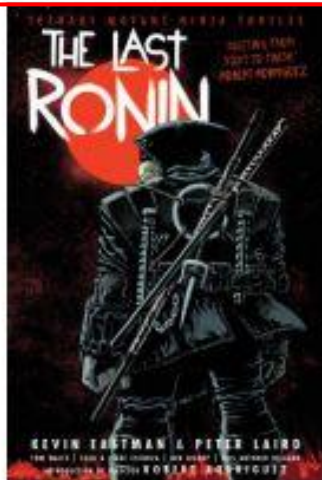
Recommendations for grades 9-12, ages 15-18.



ESPAÑOL



Complete the Summer Reading Adventure!
<https://is.gd/RUJSMB>

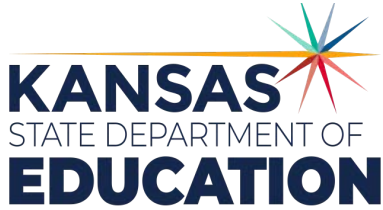


- **Feeding Ground** (BOOM! Studios)
- **Fire Force** (Kodansha)
- **Invincible** (Image Comics)
- **Persona 3** (UDON Entertainment)
- **Scott Pilgrim** (Oni Press)
- **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: The Last Ronin** (IDW)
- **A Witch's Printing Office** (Yen Press)

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◆ Career and Technical Education



Congratulations to Tej Patel for being recognized as a Kansas Career and Technical Education Scholar 2024

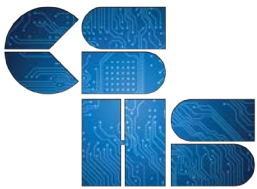
The Kansas CTE Scholar recognition was awarded for the first time in 2017. This annual award recognizes students who have indicated a well-rounded demonstration of knowledge and skill according to their experiences within career and technical education. Achievement by senior students indicates academic achievement, CTE knowledge with excellence, community engagement through leadership demonstration, documentation of skill attainment and ability to verbalize their career vision.

Culinary Arts Students attend Cake Decorating class with HyVee Bakery

Brittney Scheef from HyVee Bakery spent the day with Culinary Art students helping to prepare them before they started unit on cake decorating.



Computer Science Honor Society



Auburn-Washburn Families, the time to register for Summer Coding Camp is here!! This year, camp is being offered July 8-11 to students entering 3rd grade through 9th grade.

- 3-4th grade is from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
- 5-6th grade is from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- 7-9th grade is from 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

We are able to offer camp to more students this year and hope that you will join us for some fun!!

- Early Registration - \$60 by May 10
- Regular Cost - \$75 after May 10
- cost includes T-Shirt, snacks, drinks, liability insurance

Register here: <https://sites.google.com/usd437.net/cshs/events/summer-camp>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding summer coding camp, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Haley Schmitz, schmihal@usd437.net.

◆ Career and Technical Education

Dean Gerlach's Robotics & Engineering classes

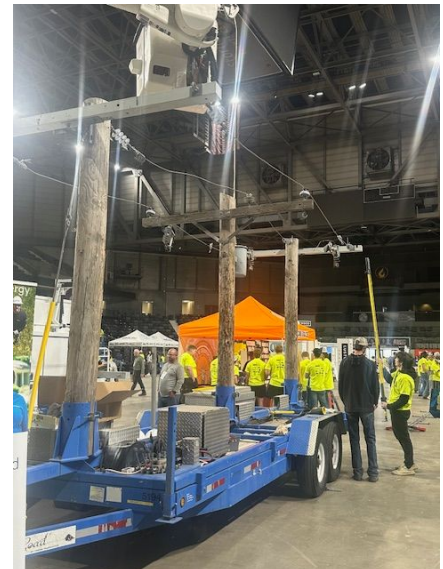
This year in Engineering our goal was to learn about the functioning behind car crash safety devices. In order to discover and learn each group of students used two eggs and a premade chassis. Students were required to add two safety devices to effectively protect both eggs in a simulated crash. These safety devices could include bumpers, constructing roofing + doors, seatbelts, etc. As long as the safety devices resembled safety features found on cars, the all-clear was given.



Construction & Design Pathway and Agricultural Pathway



Rick Grose, Dean Gerlach and Melissa Criner along with their students attend the 2nd Annual Build my future Topeka. This event allows our students to gain first hand experience with job skills needed in the industry for a variety of careers. Students had the opportunity to try their hand at welding, mudding and taping a wall, operating a crane, exploring pipe fitting, and many other skills related to industries located right here in Topeka!



◆ Career and Technical Education

Construction & Design Students attend Pitt State Construction Expo



PITT STATE

Mr. Dean Gerlach and Rick Grose along with several of their students attended the Pitts State Expo. This provides our students a first hand opportunity to experience what Pitt State has to offer but more importantly provides a time where students can explore careers and demo equipment with companies providing scholarship/Internship opportunities. Through live demonstrations, presentations, and interactive exhibits, students gain valuable insights into career opportunities, while vendors connect with potential future employees. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HQ6xNztqXo>

Spring CTE Showcase 2024



The 3rd Annual spring CTE Showcase and Advisory Committee meeting was held on Wednesday April 5th from 1 to 3 in the WRHS library. Approximately 75 business leaders from various businesses attend the event.

WRHS students from all fifteen pathways were on hand to demonstrate projects and competencies achieved in their classes this year. NTHS Co-Presidents Molly Didde and Addison Jones were the emcees for the afternoon.

The advisory board members were impressed with the projects and the knowledge our students were able to exhibit. After having the opportunity to experience each of the student displays committee members and CTE Teachers held their final meeting of the year.



◆ Career and Technical Education

Comprehensive Forensics Science

Using synthetic urine samples and synthetic reagents, students were able to perform presumptive tests for simulated substances including alcohol, codeine, heroin, and methamphetamine, while following the appropriate safety measures. The testing reagents undergo a color change in the presence of the target substances, which the students could then interpret to identify the substance present in the urine sample.



Washburn Rural FFA chapter sponsored its first Horse Judging Clinic

The WRHS and TCALC FFA chapters hosted the first annual Topeka Tune Up Horse Judging Invitational on April 10th at the North Topeka Saddle Club. Approximately sixty five students from eleven schools participated in this event in preparation for the Kansas State FFA Horse Judging contest on April 28th. Washburn Rural students participated by working as group leaders and monitoring the students participating, brushing, saddling, and walking horses. Some students even participated by bringing their own horses for evaluation. The horse judging CDE asks students to evaluate horses in various classes based on their build, quality of movement, and how responsive they are to the cues of the rider. We thank The Kansas State horse judging team as they provided the official judging, Brad Noller, North Topeka Saddle Club, and the community members that aided in this event by sponsoring the insurance, donating the facility, and donating their time to exhibit their horses.



◆ Career and Technical Education

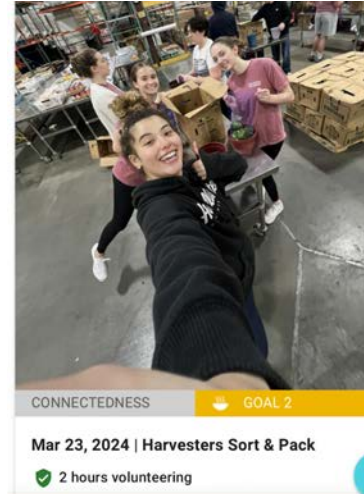
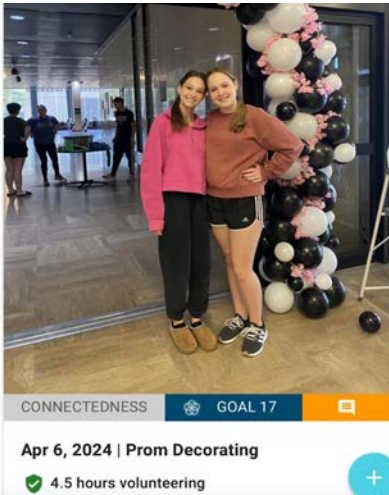
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May 8th - Free Career Day Sessions: 8 AM-9 AM EST 1 PM-2 PM EST, or 6 PM-7 PM EST

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National Technical Honor Society

Congratulations to the NTHS members for volunteering over 585 hours this past school year! We greatly appreciate your commitment to our school, chapter and our community!



Marketing Mammoth Sports Construction



Mammoth Creative Co is the in-house marketing firm for Mammoth Sports and Construction. They presented Mr. Vander Hart's principle of marketing students on creating and executing a promotion plan. "It was interesting seeing and learning about multiple marketing techniques for different businesses. And how to adapt to each client and show off the best aspect of each business. The impact of influencer marketing on the Kansas Tourism Campaign was a great idea to promote Kansas a little and make it more appealing to people who might not live or never lived in Kansas. And the different ways each client has a unique way of presenting their market." - Anbria Whyne grade 10



Allie Thomas, Ronnie Murphy, Russell Harp from Mammoth Creative Co. <https://mammothcreated.com/>

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Mr. Vander Hart's Principles of Marketing

Students in principles of marketing demonstrated their learning of Visual Merchandising by working cooperatively in teams to create a display for a store of their choosing. While practicing many soft skills such as teamwork, creativity, and problem solving, students successfully showed their knowledge of color theory and rule of 3rds in order to highlight the appropriate features and benefits of a product to their target market. Students presented their ideas to WRHS Staff who completed a score/comment sheet for each presentation.



Marketing students to Westridge Mall

Mr. Vander Harts students toured the mall with Casey Richardson, Manager and Staci Williams, Leasing Manager of the Mall. Students hoped to gain an understanding of why the mall has not been successful, expense categories for its tenants and the mall in general. The Marketing students ended the day by giving a presentation to the managers as to what they think should be in the mall and discussed marketing efforts and promotional plans.



Students experienced behind the scenes deliveries made in a freight elevator!



Student's calculated the cost per square foot for a potential retail store, discussed store tenant leases and typical expenses for being in the mall.

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ZERO HOUR COMMON GROUNDS SPOTLIGHT

SENIOR *Spotlight*

Favorite Drink:
Iced dirty chai with lavender

Favorite Memory:
When me and Destiny blew up the brewing espresso in the portafilter our first week on the job

Plans After Graduation:
Attending KU and majoring in architecture



MADISON STOUT

SENIOR *Spotlight*

Favorite Drink:
Chocolate chip cookie blender with mocha drizzle

Favorite Memory:
when the espresso machine exploded everywhere

Plans After Graduation:
Attending The University of Kansas



REBECCA HOOPES

SENIOR *Spotlight*

Favorite Drink:
Iced Caramel Latte

Favorite Memory:
Going to DECA Nationals to compete for Common Grounds

Plans After Graduation:
Continuing academics and athletics at Washburn University



HAYDEN KELLER

SENIOR *Spotlight*

Favorite Drink:
Snickerdoodle blender

Favorite Memory:
When the espresso machine exploded because there wasn't a plate in it.

Plans After Graduation:
Continue playing basketball at Kansas City Kansas Community College



DESTINY OCHS

SENIOR *Spotlight*

Favorite Drink:
Cappuccino

Favorite Memory:
Learning to do latte art

Plans After Graduation:
Study Business and Communications at Central College



KRISTEN REZAC

SENIOR *Spotlight*

Favorite Drink:
White Chocolate Latte

Favorite Memory:
Touring PT's Coffee's warehouse

Plans After Graduation:
Major in business and play tennis at Ottawa University Arizona



DYLAN DODGE

5TH HOUR COMMON GROUNDS SPOTLIGHT

Senior Spotlight



Elijah Leenerts

Favorite Drink:
Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
Frappe (Elijah Special)

Favorite Memory:
All the singing me and Evan
would do while making drinks

Plans After Graduation:
Attend the University of
Kansas and study exercise
science

Senior Spotlight



Paige Wessel

Favorite Drink:
Strawberry Mango Creme
Smoothie

Favorite Memory:
Evan and Elijah dancing and
singing to music. It definitely
made my day better.

Plans After Graduation:
Attend Washburn University to
receive my BBA in
accounting/finance

Senior Spotlight



Brinn Reelfs

Favorite Drink:
Mango Smoothie, add
strawberry

Favorite Memory:
When I spilled hot chocolate on
my new white shoes

Plans After Graduation:
Attend Kstate and major in
Biochemistry, then go to Dental
Hygiene school

Senior Spotlight



Evan Omitt

Favorite Drink:
Chocolate Chip Cookie
Dough Frappe

Favorite Memory:
Having fun with everyone in the
shop and our customers

Plans After Graduation:
Going to KU and majoring in
Exercise Science

6TH HOUR COMMON GROUNDS SPOTLIGHT

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Brennen Ross

Favorite Drink:

Cookie Dough Blender

Favorite Memory:

Playing Mafia on Fridays

Plans After Graduation:

Study Business Administration with an emphasis in finance at Washburn University



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Kaeden Fenton

Favorite Drink:

Caramel Latte

Favorite Memory:

Making TikToks and meeting new people

Plans After Graduation:

Go to college for Baseball



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Nolan Tremblay

Favorite Drink:

Iced Caramel Latte

Favorite Memory:

Making videos for Common Grounds' TikTok page

Plans After Graduation:

Attend Washburn University for marketing and finance



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Jack Miranda

Favorite Drink:

Elijah's Special with Espresso

Favorite Memory:

Advisors Excel Field Trip

Plans After Graduation:

Swim in college or continue training for swim and building up my portfolio.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Logan Carney

Favorite Drink:

Wedding cake blender

Favorite Memory:

Playing Mafia every Friday

Plans After Graduation:

I plan to go to KSU for entrepreneurship/marketing



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PTO Blues Backers May 2024

THANK YOU FOR A SPECTACULAR POST PROM!



We had an **INCREDIBLE** Night at the Circus for Post Prom! Over 700 students came to the school after Prom to enjoy food, games, prizes, fun and make precious memories with their friends. We could never have done this event without the support from volunteers, community businesses and the Washburn Rural families.

One very special person puts her heart and soul into this event as the lead of the Post Prom Committee. A **BIG** thank you to Ronda Kozlowski!!

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you



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The Olsen Family





PTO Blues Backers May 2024

WHO WE ARE

Blues Backers is the parent-teacher organization (PTO) 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

We want to help your organization fundraise! Please check with your organization's school or parent representative to see what dates are still available to work concession stands. Working concession stands are a great way for students to use real world skills and support their club or sport all while making money for their organization.

JOIN THE WRHS PTO/BLUES BACKERS



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WE LOVE DONATIONS!

We continue to accept donations throughout the year for each year's post prom event.

GET INVOLVED!

We would love your help!!!

- Help with concessions, staff appreciation, and post-prom
- Fill board positions: Shadow a current board member and see if the position could be right for you.
- Attend PTO Meetings: We are always seeking new ideas!

Post-prom and concession stands cannot run without more help! Please strongly consider helping your board members out!

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

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30pm
In the WRHS Library



PTO Blues Backers May 2024

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