



Junior Blues News



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Featured Story



National Merit Finalists

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



Hello again! I can't begin to tell you how well the school year is going thus far! Our students are working hard and we now find ourselves fully immersed in fall activities and athletics. So far, it's proving to be a very exciting year!

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, October 19 and 20 respectively. Conference times are:

- Wednesday, October 19, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 20, 7:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, October 20, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 20, 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 will be using the scheduling platform myconferencetime.com for student-led and regular class conferences. Students will sign up during their advisory class for their student-led conference. Once those conferences are in place, you will have the opportunity to schedule with as many of your student's other 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 and available during conferences. Please do not hesitate to schedule with one of us.

As we approach the end of the first 9-weeks, we are aware that some students may be struggling. Tuesday/Thursday Interventions recently began 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.

Ed Raines, Principal
rainedw@usd437.net

WRHS Counseling Office

[Counseling Website](#)

Twitter Updates: [@wrhsgo](#)

Crisis Hotline: 785-232-5005

Junior and Senior Planning Letter

All juniors and seniors and their parents/guardians were emailed a [Junior Planning Letter](#) and [Senior Planning Letter](#) in September. Families are encouraged to review this letter closely.

FAFSA

The FAFSA opens for senior families on October 1. Please see our [website](#) for resources and video tutorials on the FSA ID, Financial Aid Estimator, completing the FAFSA, types of awards, and more.

PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Competition (NMSC)

The PSAT will be offered on October 12 at 8am at WRHS. Over 300 students are registered for this exam. Students registered should check their email for PSAT updates. The night before the exam, they should get rest and in the morning, eat breakfast in order to do their best. Practice materials can be found on the [PSAT website](#).

College Planning Resources for Low Income Students

Many college planning resources and programs are available to students who qualify for free/reduced lunch (fee waivers, scholarship programs, etc). We encourage families to research opportunities and visit with your school counselor about these programs. [Click HERE](#).

Importance of Sleep

The American School Counselor Association recently promoted “Sleep Week” which highlighted the importance of sleep for teens and children. A recent report by the CDC noted that 78% of high school students don’t get sufficient sleep on an average school night. Getting enough sleep is critical to the health and well-being of students of all ages. Sufficient sleep helps students:

Excel in the classroom by maximizing attention, memory and learning abilities

Perform better in sports by being faster, stronger and more accurate

Feel positive and have a more optimistic attitude toward life

Look their best and maintain a healthy weight

Have fun and enjoy life by making better decisions and staying safe

The entire article can be found at <https://sleepeducation.org/get-involved/campaigns/student-sleep-health-week/>.

Free Academic Assistance

AFTER SCHOOL LABS

Library

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

Room E554

- **AF-JROTC**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:05-4:15pm

Need a ride home?

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

Washburn Rural High School

Care Closet

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



Coats, Shoes, or
Formal Outfits



Personal Hygiene
Products like deodorant
or feminine products



Food supplies



Costs for Exams like
PSAT or ACT



Free & Reduced
Lunch forms



Any other hardship
that you might
need support.

Contact Your Counselor:



◆ National Merit Semifinalist

Washburn Rural High School is excited to announce two Semifinalists out of the 16,000 Semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Evander Davis and Abhinav Velagandula are this year's Semifinalist. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$28 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition.

Over 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and more than half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title. NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 340 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Over 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, and write an essay.

From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

National Merit Scholarships

Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2023. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit® \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis. About 950 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 180 corporations and business organizations for Finalists who meet their specified criteria, such as children of the grantor's employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. In addition, about 160 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 3,800 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2023 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 368,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

◆ College Board National Recognition

Congratulations to Washburn Rural High School Juniors and Seniors who are among 32,000 students from across the country to earn academic honors from the College Board's National Recognition Programs! These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs use these honors to identify students from underrepresented groups through College Board's Student Search Service.

National Rural and Small Town Award: Abhinav Velagandula, Abigail Harper, Allison Reed, Annika Peterson, Anshumann Zutshi, Blaine Mcvey, Evander Davis, Jal Maru, Lance Allen, Makayla Lebruska, Noah Hander, Samuel Byrne, and Victoria Shen.

National African American Recognition Award: Denym Ogunnowo

The students have earned this recognition by excelling on their PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams and in their classrooms. Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town. Eligible students are invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year, and are awarded at the beginning of the next school year.

SOURCES OF STRENGTH



Sources of strength is a school wide suicide prevention program. It utilizes peer leaders and adult advisors to create population level health change within their social networks. It accomplishes this by giving peer leaders the opportunity to internalize and exercise the strength and hope in their lives and to help spread that strength and hope to the entire school community. They spread messages of hope, help, and strength both organically in their everyday interactions as well as in targeted school wide "campaigns." There are tons of different ways to do school wide campaigns; the most important part is that they are driven by the peer leaders and attempt to reach the entire student body.

September was Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. On Tuesday, September 21, a lesson in Advisory was delivered regarding Suicide Prevention and Sources of Strength. It was highlighted in the lesson the importance of having trusted adults in our lives. Research has shown that long term relational support is very effective in preventing young adults from becoming suicidal or acting on suicidal feelings and impulses. Working in a school it is essential to develop caring relationships with students, especially those who report low levels of trust toward adults or have few connections to supportive adult relationships.

Sources of Strength focuses on hope, resilience, strength and connection. This activity reinforced the positive relationships our students have with adults at Washburn Rural. Additionally, we are hopeful that this helped our students who are in need of finding a Trusted Adult. Throughout the school year we will learn more about Sources of Strength during Advisory lessons. If you would like more information on the Sources of Strength program, please go to the following website: <https://sourcesofstrength.org/>

2022-23 UNSUNG HERO PORTRAIT

Students enrolled in this year's A.P. Studio Art class have been busy the past few weeks working on a massive collaborative 7' x 9' acrylic portrait in the style of contemporary artist, Chuck Close.

Students began the project by selecting their topic from any person in our local school community, based on who they wanted to honor as an Unsung Hero. After contacting their Hero, they shot photos to work from, laid out a grid to enlarge the photos for proper proportions, and began work on the painting. The project promoted communication within the group and required them to work collectively, striving to create a work with unity and variety that captured the likeness of their Hero.

Artist Chuck Close (1940-2021) was the project's inspiration. Close reinvented the "portrait" in the late 1960's by working on a large-scale format. He became an overnight sensation in the art world when he created a series of seven portraits, beginning with himself, that were done with one tube of black mars acrylic paint applied with an air brush. His original portraits were done on canvas in this exact size using a grid to assist in a photo-realistic image transfer from his photograph to canvas. Chuck Close recently passed away on August 19, 2021.

Special thanks and congratulations to Brandon Evans for being selected as this year's Unsung Hero!

Below are the students responsible for the creation of the portrait:

JUNIORS: Elli Brandt, Ashton Dawley, Rylee Perez and Aytumn Sanchez

SENIORS: Allyson Cummings, Konrad Pumkin Seed, Ayanna Spurlock, Zay Wells and Lee Wolgast

BRANDON EVANS

Brandon Evans is a special needs para at Washburn Rural high school who was selected by the AP art students as this year's 'Unsung Hero.' Brandon was born in Topeka, Kansas, he is the oldest of seven siblings and describes his dedication to provide for them in a way that his father couldn't.

Brandon was chosen because of his naturally eccentric and inviting nature, it was only when we interviewed him we saw who he really was. Brandon makes it his priority to make people feel good about themselves, even if it is something as small as smiling at them. He doesn't want to present himself as a role model but instead a real model, someone who fully embraces who they are, flaws and failures in all.

At thirteen years old he began to find happiness and freedom through his writing. Naturally, as artists we felt a connection with that description, finding art to be a freedom of expression.

When Brandon was asked what he would choose to represent himself, his clothing logo "Get Right or Get Left" was the first thing that came to his mind. He started his non-profit organization, Team Care More at seventeen, he has since spent years building his charity, grouping up just the right type of people who are motivated to help others. He provides for the community in Thanksgiving and Christmas drives as well as summer cookouts. He describes his connection to the community as a single body but is careful to make sure to treat everyone as an individual.

Although he maintains a positive demeanor he is no stranger to tragedy as his mother began losing her vision and dealing with the loss of his 4-year-old nephew. Brandon has sacrificed so much for his family, putting aside his desire to create a family of his own. In reality, it has been difficult for him to maintain so much in his life at once but he still makes it a point to present the best version of himself to people all around him. Outside of being a kind person, he is very careful as to whom he gives his time and energy. He has prioritized the necessity of establishing healthy boundaries living by the golden rule, 'you get what you put out.'

If you were to ask Mr. Evans who influenced him the most in life, he would give credit to Johan Freeland. Mr. Freeland gave Brandon a job at the local community center, where Mr. Freeland described Brandon as a high-energy, respectful person, and a leader. Johan gave him the opportunity to help people, which was all he has ever wanted to do. Leading into his current career, he describes his team as the chosen ones often expressing the reality of his work, understanding that it's not a job that everyone can do.

Brandon is a beautiful person, someone worth looking up to, and no amount of pretty words or artistic dedication could truly convey just how amazing he is.

◆ Art Department



Sources Of Strength

September is Suicide Prevention Month and the week of Sep. 6th - 9th was Suicide Prevention Awareness Week. The Source of Strength team planned a spirit week along with a few other ideas to help spread awareness.

Tues- Tie-Dye

An initiative we joined was the KSPHQ's second annual "Let's Chalk About Suicide Prevention," a fun and inspiring way to spread awareness for mental health and open conversations about suicide prevention resources. Students also wore a color from the strength wheel to show what their strengths were.



Wed- Wacky Socks

Students chose to "sock" about suicide and spread messages of hope, help and strength.



Thurs- Rep Your Strength

Students wore their favorite sport club, outside organization, volunteer, etc. shirt. Sugar is a great example!



Fri- Yellow & Orange

Students wore Yellow and Orange for Suicide Prevention day! On Friday before school, students passed out suckers (dum dums) with a paper attached saying a positive message, resources, and a source of strength logo.



Sat- World Suicide Prevention Day

Our Sources of Strength group came out to the Shawnee County Suicide Prevention Coalition 5k. Lots of great folks working to promote mental health and wellness in our community.



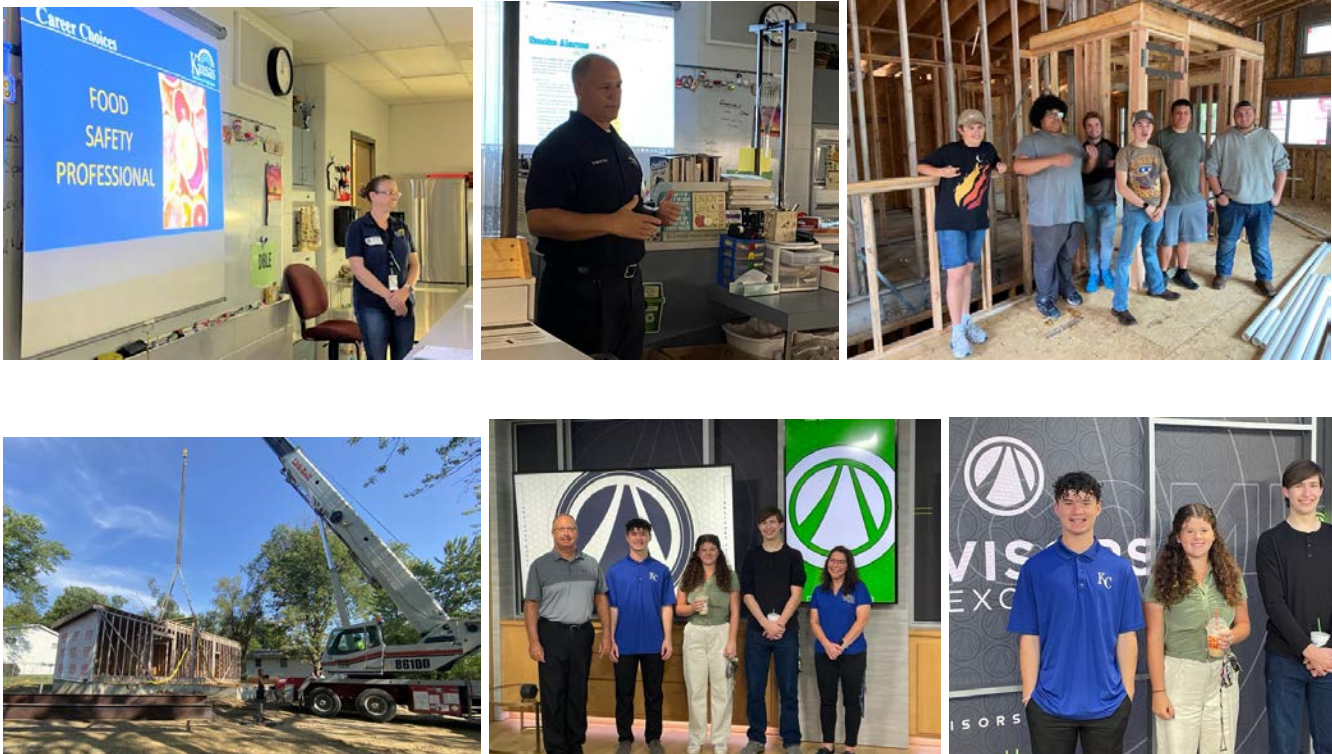
◆ Career and Technical Education



Welcome Back! We've got BIG plans for Career Technical Education for the 2022-23 school year. In April 2022 the community passed a bond issue that will fund an expansion of CTE learning space at WRHS. Career Pathways that will see new or renovated areas are Agriculture, Digital Media, Programming & Software Design, Web & Digital Communications, Teaching & Training, Construction & Design, and Restaurant & Event Management. Faculty and staff have met with HTK Architects to discuss room design, layout and equipment.

Work Based Learning

Work-Based Learning (WBL) includes a continuum of awareness, exploration, and preparation that combines an individual's career goals, structured learning and authentic work experiences implemented through a sustained partnership with Kansas business/ industry.



Pictures above reflect students in Ms. Dible's Culinary Essentials classes who heard about a day in the life of a Food Safety Inspector from Lacey Livingston of the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Ms. Dible's classes also learned about fire safety and careers from the Topeka Fire Department. Steve Buhler, Jennifer Leutje and students toured the Advisors Excel Gage Complex. Students Evan, Lizzie and Bryson were able to spend the rest of the day job shadowing in Digital Media Communications. Construction and Design students visited a construction site with Mr. Grose.

On **Wednesday, November 9** we will be hosting a CTE Career Fair to expose students to a variety of career paths. Students will hear about a variety of options for education and employment following high school graduation. These are a few examples of how CTE is implementing career awareness.

◆ Career and Technical Education

Working with business and industry in our community, students progress along the continuum to **Career Exploration** through mock interviews, guest speakers and job shadow experiences.

Workplace Experience or Internship courses are **Career Preparation**. Whether working off-campus or at one of the WRHS Student Based Enterprises, students get advanced instruction and professional experience. This is a great opportunity to explore and clarify interests, aptitudes and abilities. Students gain an understanding of the internship site's work, mission, audience, and how these potentially relate to their academic study, as well as the organization's position in the related industry. There are 41 students this fall who are earning high school credit while gaining valuable career-related experiences. In each upcoming newsletter we will feature a business who is serving as a community partner and helping prepare students for a successful career.

WRHS offers **Workplace Experience or Internships** in several pathways. **ie.** Marketing Workplace Experience, Ag Internship or Digital Media Workplace Experience. For more information visit the [CTE website](#) or contact **TERESA GOLDEN** .

CTE Staff

We welcome three new members to the CTE Team this year.



Melissa Johnson is teaching classes in the [Agriculture Cluster](#). She is a first year teacher who grew up on a turkey farm in Arkansas. Her college major was Agriculture Education with a minor in Animal Science. She started raising and showing goats in the 8th grade and has competed twice at the National FFA Convention. Ms. Johnson will soon be Mrs. Criner as her wedding is just a few weeks away!



Dr. John Coffin teaches Biology and Environmental Resources & Wildlife Science in the [Health Science Cluster](#). A Georgia native, he came to Kansas to attend Kansas State University where he earned a PhD in Biology and is now completing the Transition to Teaching program through Fort Hays State. He is excited to educate about and immerse kids in the great outdoors. In his spare time he plays guitar and knits. His wedding is also just around the corner.



David Meseke is teaching Criminal Justice in the [Corrections, Security, Law, and Law Enforcement Pathway](#) and will be an assistant basketball coach. David is a native Topekan and he and his wife have four children. He's taught social studies and coached at Topeka West and Hayden High Schools. This is his first time teaching Criminal Justice and he's loving being at WRHS.

◆ Career and Technical Education

Architecture & Design Career Cluster



The shed pictured was built by students in Residential Carpentry and sold to a family in the Auburn-Washburn district last spring. Another shed is currently under construction and features:

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

If you'd like to purchase the shed that's under construction, contact: Rick Grose, groseric@usd437.net or (785) 289-6833 or Teresa Golden, goldeter@usd437.net

Excel in CTE



The "Excel in Career Technical Education" ("Excel in CTE") initiative was enacted to enhance career technical education in Kansas and better prepare high school students for college and careers. Through the bill, Kansas high school students qualify for state-funded college tuition in approved technical courses offered by Kansas technical and community colleges. This makes it possible for students to graduate high school with an industry-recognized credential in a high-wage, high demand occupation. While there is no cost to the student for tuition, some programs do have fees.

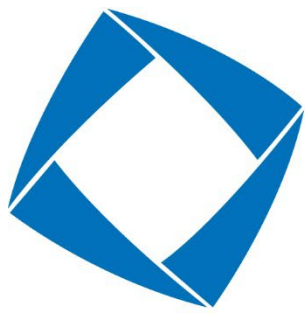
WRHS students may elect to attend [Washburn Tech](#) for a half day during their junior and/or senior year, but online courses are also available for students. The Kansas Board of Regents recently announced that on the KBOR website is a listing of online Excel in CTE courses being offered by their institutions. According to Dr. Blake Flanders, KBOR President/CEO, "this is an attempt to help students take full advantage of the Excel in CTE (SB 155) program." Both the courses and the participating institutions will be updated as new information becomes available. Click [here](#) to view the most current online courses available to high school students.



Visit WRHS.net/cte for more information about Career Technical Education at Washburn Rural.

Let us know if you have questions or comments about the website. Thanks!

◆ Career and Technical Education



WASHBURN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DECA

DECA members were invited to participate in the DECA Stock Market Game which kicked off **September 12, 2022**.

Participants in the **DECA Stock Market Game** develop and manage an online investment portfolio of stocks, mutual funds, bonds, ESG investments, and cash. The Stock Market Game is available via web browser on any device or on The Stock Market Game mobile app available on Android or Apple. SMG allows DECA members to test their investment knowledge and skills against other DECA members in an online competition. The goal of the competition is to provide participants with the skills needed to be successful in their future financial lives by managing a diversified investment portfolio.

Managed by the SIFMA Foundation, this virtual simulation challenges teams of one to three students to build and manage a virtual investment portfolio of stocks, bonds and mutual funds. This event is FREE to all active DECA members.

<u>Team 1</u>	<u>Team 2</u>	<u>Team 3</u>	<u>Team 4</u>	<u>Team 5</u>	<u>Team 6</u>	<u>Team 7</u>
Madeline Carter	Keegan Knudtson	Grant Lee	Jal Maru	Qays Abu-Hijleh	Peyton Goehring	Thorsten Siegel
Megan Christensen	Dylan Dodge	Parker Johnson	Abi Veligandula	Jack Muir	Nate Selm	
Hayden Keller		Kingston Berry				

The top 25 teams from each region will qualify to present their portfolio at ICDC!

To learn more, click [here](#) or contact Mr. McFall.



Win prizes every month!

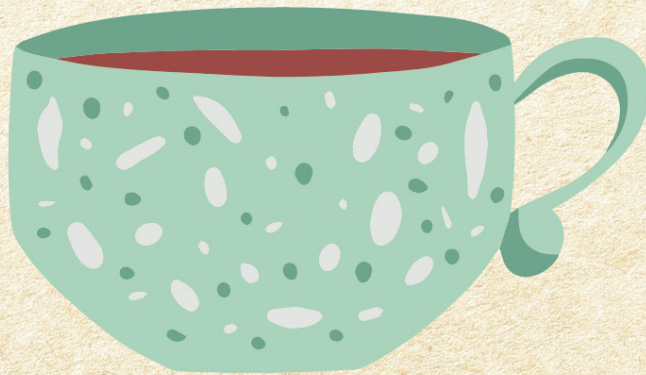
**Stop by the WRHS Bank
during lunch to find out
how you can win \$500!**



COME GET HOT COFFEE



COMMON GROUNDS



**STOP BY IN THE MORNING
OR DURING LUNCH !**

MORNINGS: 7:00-7:45

LUNCH: 11:27-1:11

STAFF

APPAREL



To order, visit The Shack site or
use the QR code

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



October hoco events

MONDAY 10TH - THURSDAY 13TH

SPIRIT WEEK

THURSDAY 13TH

PARADE @2:20PM

FRIDAY 14TH- NO SCHOOL

**FOOTBALL GAME, TAILGATE, & HOCO
CROWNING**

SATURDAY 15TH

**DANCE @8PM- (TICKETS ARE
\$5 AND GO ON SALE OCT. 4)**

OUTSIDE DATES MUST BE
SIGNED UP BY OCT. 11!!!

WRHS 2022

HOCO SPIRIT WEEK



**SPOOKY
SPORTS**

(jersey day)

MONDAY, Oct. 10

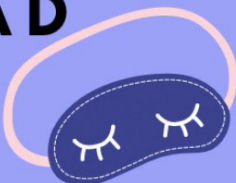
MAD PLAID

(flannel day)

TUESDAY, Oct. 11

**WALKING
DEAD**

(PJ DAY)



WEDNESDAY, Oct. 12

**LIGHTS
OUT**

(black out or hoco shirt)



THURSDAY, Oct. 13

HOMECOMING DANCE DETAILS

WHEN:

OCT. 15 @
8pm

WHERE:

WRHS
CAFETERIA

TICKETS:

GO ON SALE
OCT. 4 at
the Bank
during lunch

**OUTSIDE
DATES:**

must be
signed up
by Oct. 11

COST:

\$5- must
have
student ID

2023 WRHS YEARBOOK

Name: _____

Grade: 9 10 11 12

Yearbook Prices: \$55.00

\$75 for available extra copies at 2024 enrollment

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

Plastic Cover: \$2.00

Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to WRHS YEARBOOK

Check # _____

Paid Date _____

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

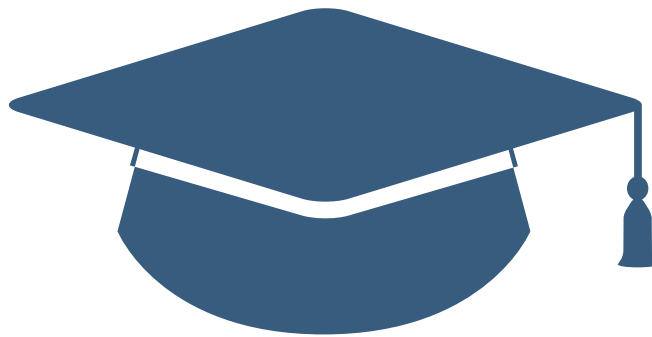
OR ORDER ONLINE!

www.yearbookordercenter.com

school code: 33333

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

*Senior
Portraits*



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

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

SENIOR PORTRAITS

Senior Portrait Specifications for Yearbook

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

OPTION #1: Inter-State Studios

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

OPTION #2: Select Your Photographer & Submit Your Image

Seniors complete this option on their own.

All images are sent electronically.

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

Email Subject: Student's first & last name.

Send your portrait file to:

wrhsporraits@usd437.net

(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

Senior Salutes

It's Your Child's Senior Year!

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

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

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

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

(2) gather your pictures.

*Do not cut photos.

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

wrhssalutes@usd437.net

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

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

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

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

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

Hurry, space is limited!

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

Salute deadline: first Friday in December

Yearbook Salute Order Form

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

Buyer's Name: _____

Senior's Name: _____

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Unified Sports

Basketball, Bowling, Bocce Ball, Soccer



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Mrs. Finney's Monthly YA Book Recommendation

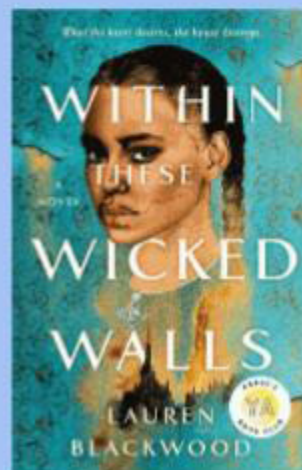
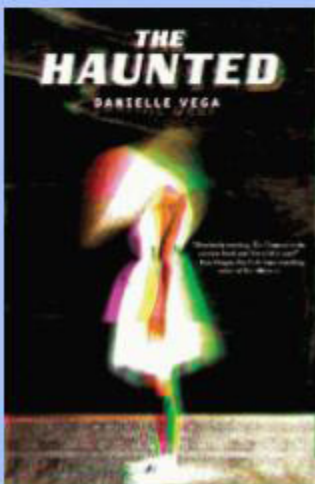
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White Smoke
By Tiffany D. Jackson
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Popular author Tiffany Jackson is back with this new horror story, but it's not what you expect. Marigold's family moves from sunny California to a run-down neighborhood after winning an artist grant. It's supposed to be a fresh start, but Marigold is hearing things. The fear starts to get the best of her, but Marigold has become the "girl that cried wolf" and is on her own to figure out the dirty business running the city, and the strange sounds coming from their basement.

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◆ Drama Department

WaRu Theatre opens its 2022-2023 season!

Much Ado About Nothing

A comedy by William Shakespeare

October 6, 7, and 8 at 7:00 pm in the WRHS Auditorium

When Don Pedro, a prince, arrives at the estate of Leonato with his entourage of friends, sparks are bound to fly. Claudio falls in love with Leonato's daughter, Hero. Benedick and Leonato's niece, Beatrice, are old lovers-turned-enemies, and engage in a battle of wits every time they meet. But when the prince and his friends set a love-trap to make Beatrice and Benedick fall in love, and the prince's malevolent brother sets a trap to force Claudio and Hero out of love, everyone will find themselves tested, teased, and taught in one way or another. Set in the 1920s at the height of the flapper era, this comedic love story is a party you won't want to miss!

Tickets: General Admission \$5 for students, \$6 for non-students

For ticketing, cast, and more, visit our [website](#).

Production Staff

DIRECTOR: Maeghan Bishop

SCENE DESIGN/TECHNICAL DIRECTION: Nick Beasley

COSTUME SUPERVISOR: Linnea Hoyos

LIGHT DESIGN: Evan Davidson

STAGE MANAGER: Bry McDaniel

ASST. STAGE MANAGER: Sierrah Wall



MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

A COMEDY BY
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE





PTO Blues Backers OCTOBER 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

We want to help your club or sport 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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LIMITED MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

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



Sweatpants



Gray T-Shirt

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed in a variety of ways:

- Organize 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!

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

**NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

NEW PAYMENT OPTION

Venmo now available!
For purchasing items or memberships...
@WashburnruralHSpto





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THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

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Shack

Blue Level

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◆ October Student Calendar

Saturday, October 1

JV Vball at Emporia
9 Vball at League Tournament
V Vball at League Tournament
Cross Country Invitational
Class of 2001 Building Tour
V Boys' Soccer Tournament

Monday, October 3

NHS Informational Mtg
V Girls' Tennis at League Meet
V Girls Golf @ Manhattan Invite
NHS Informational Mtg
9/JV Fball at Junction City
PowerPrep ACT Class

Tuesday, October 4

9 Vball at Topeka High Quad
V Vball at ONW

Wednesday, October 5

Student Council Mtg.
JV Girls' Tennis at League Meet
JV Vball at Topeka West
Capital City Marching Festival

Thursday, October 6

Motivational Speaker - Jeff Neal
Renaissance Cake & Ice Cream
JV Girls Golf @ Manhattan JV
PowerPrep ACT Class
Fall Play - Shakespeare

Friday, October 6

V Girls' Tennis at Regional
Fall Play - Shakespeare
V Fball at Topeka High (HSP)

Saturday, October 8

V Vball at Derby Tournament
JV Vball at League Tournament
V Girls' Tennis at Regional
Cross Country City Meet Auburn Fair
Parade
Fall Play - Shakespeare

Monday, October 10

V Girls Golf @ 6A Regional
9/JV Fball v. Topeka High

Tuesday, October 11

MS Fball on Turf Field
JV/V Boys' Soccer at Bishop
V Vball at Manhattan Quad
JV Vball v. Seaman & Hayden
WRHS Vocal Music Concert

Wednesday, October 12

PSAT
9 Vball at Manhattan Quad
PTO Meeting
Orchestra Concert

Thursday, October 13

Homecoming Parade
JV/V Boys' Soccer at Seaman
JV/V Vball v. OW & Seaman

Friday, October 14

No School - Staff Day
V Girls' Tennis at State
Homecoming Tailgate
V Fball v. Emporia

Saturday, October 15

9 Vball Tournament
WRHS Chess Club Tournament
V Vball at Emporia Tournament
V Girls' Tennis at State
Marching Band Festival - SMN
Cross Country League Meet
Homecoming Dance

Monday, October 17

V Girls Golf @ 6A State
Musical Workshop
JV Fball at Emporia HS

Tuesday, October 18

V Girls Golf @ 6A State
Senior Cap & Gown Meeting
JV/V Boys' Soccer v. Topeka H.

Wednesday, October 19

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 20

No School
Parent/Teacher Conferences
JV/V Boys' Soccer v. BVN

Friday, October 21

No School
Football Team Walkthrough
Cheer Practice
Football Team Dinner
V Football v. Topeka West (Senior Night)

Saturday, October 22

ACT Date (WRHS test site)
KBA Marching Band Championship
Cross Country - Regional Meet
V Volleyball at Substate

Monday, October 24

Big Smiles Dental Visit
Musical Auditions
9/JV Fball at Topeka West HS

Tuesday, October 25

Musical Auditions
V Boys' Soccer - Regional

Wednesday, October 26

District Early Release
Musical Auditions
Varsity Scholars' Bowl
Capital City Marching Festival

Thursday, October 27

2022-23 Club Date
V Boys' Soccer - Regional Round

Friday, October 28

Big Smiles Dental Visit
V Vball at State
V Fball week 9 - playoff bracket

Saturday, October 29

V Vball at State
Boys' Cross Country - State
Girls' Cross Country - State