



Junior Blues News



Summer 2023

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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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Back to
SCHOOL
INFORMATION

From the Desk of Our Principal



Welcome Back!

On behalf of the staff and administration of Washburn Rural High School, I am excited to extend to you our best wishes for a productive and exciting new school year. Let me assure you that the educational opportunities for students at WRHS are excellent, both by reputation and by the measured accomplishments of our students.

We enjoy one of the best reputations of any public high school in the State of Kansas! Last year, for example, we produced two National Merit Finalists, and one National Merit Commended Scholar! Additionally, once again we were named one of the Best High Schools in America by US News and World Report!

For those of you following the life of our school, you also know of our athletic and extracurricular successes last year. We were the City Champs in Boys' Swim and Dive, Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Cross Country, Girls' Golf, and Girls' Swim; we were the Centennial League Champions in Boys' Soccer, Girls' Bowling, Boys' Bowling, Girls' Wrestling, Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Cross Country, Volleyball, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basketball, Boys' Golf, Softball, and Girls' Swim; we were Regional or Sub-State Champions in Boys' Soccer, Girls' Tennis, Volleyball, Boys' Bowling, Girls' Basketball, Girls' Wrestling, Softball, and Boys' Tennis; we were the State Champions in Volleyball, 4-Speaker Debate, Boys' Bowling, and Girls' Wrestling. In addition, we had two State Wrestling Champs, Easton Broxterman-Boys' 113 lb. weight division, and Landen Kocher-Munoz-Boys' 120 lb. weight division, and Brooklyn DeLeye was named Kansas Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year for a second year in a row.

Our extra-curricular and co-curricular programs continue to flourish. The WRHS Music Department received a 1-rating at the State Music Contest in Large Group. Our Theatre Department received 9 State Level Jester Awards for their production of 9 to 5 including: Outstanding Production, Supporting Performer-Addie Resch, Leading Performer-Mackenzie Smith, Orchestra Direction-Melissa Lambotte, Artistic Guest-Alex Castaneda, Stage Crew, Design Guest-Linnea Hoyos, Program Design-Maeghan Bishop, and Lighting Design-Evan Davison.

During the 2022-2023 season, our debate and forensics squads won hundreds of awards at invitational tournaments across the state, including a 7th consecutive state championship in 4-Speaker debate. We had 18 students qualify for the National Speech and Debate Tournament in Phoenix this June. Our speech and debate program are ranked 10th in the nation in terms of our chapter strength (a combination of number of competitors and success) with the National Speech and Debate Association.

Our staff received numerous awards throughout this past year: Brian Hensyel was named All-City Boys' Soccer Coach of the Year; Steve Buhler was named Shawnee County Football Co-Coach of the Year; Matt Swedlund was named City Cross Country Co-Coach of the Year; Kevin Bordewick was named All-County Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year, Centennial League Volleyball and Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year, and will also be inducted into the Shawnee County 2023 Sports Hall of Fame.

The parents, staff, students and community which WRHS serves have much to be proud of. It was a truly exciting year!

In the coming year, I invite you to become a partner with us in your child's education, and in doing so, learn more about their "home away from home" - Washburn Rural High School. Attend their athletic events. Go to their concerts. Ask them about their school work. Talk with their teachers. Ask how you can volunteer in our building. By developing a deeper understanding of all that is available to your students at WRHS, you will help us to unlock the extraordinary potential within each one of them.

We look forward to the upcoming year with great hope and an unwavering belief in the promise of our young people. We wish all of you the very best! If we can ever be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call.

Best,

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

Ed Raines, Principal
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WRHS Counseling Office

Counseling Website: bit.ly/wrhscounselors

Twitter Updates: @wrhsgo

Crisis Hotline: 785-232-5005 or 988

Shawnee County Suicide Prevention Resources

This resource guide was created for residents in Shawnee County; it includes phone numbers and organizations to support children, teens, and adults. <http://www.scspc.org/support/>

Washburn University Psychological Services

Washburn University offers a community mental health clinic to residents of Shawnee County for \$10 a session.

Mental health providers in training are supervised by licensed professionals. <https://www.washburn.edu/academics/college-schools/arts-sciences/departments/psychology/psychological-clinic/index.html>

NCAA Division 1 and 2 Worksheet

Student athletes who are considering a D1 or D2 college need to ensure they have met the core curriculum NCAA requirements. This includes specific credits in core areas of English, math, science, social studies and world languages. This [WORKSHEET](#) provides details.

Transcript Requests

Seniors: If you plan to attend a college (technical, two year, four year), a final high school transcript will be required to enroll. Transcript requests are made via Parchment at www.parchment.com. Transcripts requested after June 30 will incur a fee.

College Visits

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

Class of 2024 College Applications

Many colleges open applications in the summer. This can be a great way to get a head start on the process. A transcript can be downloaded from Campus Portal Documents. Eventually, the college will require an official transcript be sent; this process will be covered during advisory. If an essay is required for the application, we encourage students to wait until they can have it reviewed by a WRHS staff member in the fall.

ACT Exam

National ACT: Students in the Class of 2024 who plan to attend college may need to take or retake the ACT in July, September and/or October. Families are encouraged to review current admission and scholarship requirements to determine whether the ACT is necessary for a particular college. Students can register at www.act.org for the ACT or www.collegeboard.org for the SAT. For colleges that use standardized testing in their process, both the ACT and SAT are accepted.

PSAT and State ACT

The PSAT will be offered to the Class of 2025, 2026, and 2027 in October. The state-sponsored ACT will be offered to the Class of 2025 in February. Students will register for the PSAT and State ACT in August/September of 2023.

Summer Activities for High School Students

Not sure how to spend your summer? The counseling website includes a list of local [volunteer opportunities](#). Interested in something besides volunteering? This article gives several ideas on ways to make the most of your summer. <https://blog.collegevine.com/50-summer-activities-for-high-school-students/>

◆ WRHS Counseling Office

Washburn University Concurrent Enrollment

WRHS offers several concurrent enrollment courses including US History, Freshman Composition 1, Intro to Literature, College Algebra, Public Speaking, Biology, Advanced Accounting, and Consumer & Personal Finance. Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA; the course fee is around \$450 per class. For College Algebra, students must also achieve a score of 22 or higher on the ACT Math or take a placement test at WRHS. Students enrolled in College Algebra were invited to a Google Classroom regarding the math exam information.

2023-2024 Student Schedules

The student schedules will be viewable on Campus Portal in July. Counselors will be available during registration to make changes, fill gaps, etc. Counselors will not be making changes during the summer. During registration, counselors will be making **first semester changes only**. Second semester changes will be made in November and families should not stand in line during registration for a second semester request.

SOURCES OF STRENGTH



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◆ Registration Information

Online Registration (ORL):

Auburn-Washburn has created a way to make back-to-school time easier for parents. Parents can log in to their [Infinite Campus \(IC\)](#) portal account and begin the process. This is the same online tool that parents use to check grades, manage fees, etc. Parents of returning students who have not yet established an IC account can find instructions at the same link.

Parents of students new to the district can go through OLR without a portal account by using the link from the district home page (www.usd437.net). New students will need to provide immunization records, birth certificate, and proof of residency before they can be enrolled. These documents can be provided throughout the summer at the administrative office or during an enrollment session.

Completing OLR prior to the enrollment sessions may greatly reduce the amount of time needed or eliminate the need to come to enrollment altogether, especially at the elementary level.

After completing the OLR, you will be notified by e-mail of the status of your registration and receive guidance if you will need to attend. Enrollment fees will be posted on your Infinite Campus account sometime during July, pending board approval. These can then be paid online at any time using a credit card, debit card, or bank account.

Online Registration should take 10 to 30 minutes depending on your situation, number of children, etc. The registration process can be stopped after you begin and resumed at a later time or day, without losing any of the data entered to that point.

To make the process easier, it would be good to have the following information at hand when you begin the process: special medical instructions or information the school needs to know about your child, physician's contact information, and your child's emergency contact information.

Assistance with Online Registration will be available throughout the summer by calling the OLR hotline at 339-4955 between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

Online Registration Quick Info:

- Parents of returning students can begin the process immediately through [Infinite Campus](#).
- Parents of returning students without IC accounts can contact their child's school.
- New students can go through the OLR process via www.usd437.net enrollment but will need to provide some documentation before enrollment is official.
- OLR should take 10-30 minutes.
- Enrollment fees will be posted to Infinite Campus on July 3rd pending board approval.
- An OLR hot-line is available at 339-4955.

Please complete registration before you arrive, it does save time! If you are unable to complete online registration, computer stations will be available at enrollment.

Go online any time to register for school and reduce or eliminate your need for time at an enrollment session!

Online Registration Open Now

◆ Enrollment Information

New Families

Start the process at www.usd437.net. Look for the Registration Link. New families must complete the registration and enrollment process by contacting their school.

Returning Families

Log in to your [Campus Portal](#) account and go to the Inbox to get started.

Completing the Process

After registering on-line you will receive e-mails confirming:

1. Submission of Online Registration
2. Acceptance of Registration

This message will let you know what you need to do, if anything, to complete the process.

Any paper forms or documents required to complete your registration may be submitted during enrollment sessions or during the summer at the Auburn-Washburn district office Monday-Thursday between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

Free & Reduced meal applications can be downloaded on-line at www.usd437.net starting sometime in July.

Health forms and immunization requirements are available on-line at <https://usd437.net/about/health.html>.

Walk-in registration will be held August 2-3 between 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at WRHS for ALL returning families to complete the process if needed and for all those who don't register on-line.

Paying Fees

Fees can be paid on-line through your [portal account](#) starting sometime during July using credit/debit card or bank account. Fees can also be paid during enrollment sessions.

Questions?

Assistance with Online Registration will be available throughout the summer by calling the OLR hot line at 339-4955 between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

Textbook Rental - \$125.00; Parking Permit - \$25.00

All fees are due at the time of enrollment. RETURNED CHECKS: Checks returned for any reason are sent directly to a collection agency-attorney for collection. A collection agency-attorney does add a service fee to the amount of the check. The total amount of the check and service fee may be electronically debited from your checking account by a collection agency-attorney.

Student Parking Information

Student drivers entering grades 10-12 have the opportunity to pre-purchase their parking permits this year. Students are required to complete the [Google form](#) no later than July 28th and must be picked up during walk-in registration in order to be eligible to park on campus the first week of school. Properly licensed 9th-grade student drivers must request a permit in person at the reception office, which can also be done during walk-in registration. Fill out all sections and submit this [form](#). Permits will be distributed during walk-in registration.



◆ Enrollment Information

HEALTH INFORMATION FOR PARENTS 2023-2024

All students enrolling in USD 437 shall present or have on file certification from a physician or local health department stating that they have received the tests and inoculations that are deemed necessary by State law (KSA 72-5209). A student not having completed the necessary tests and inoculations may be excluded from school until the proper certification is obtained.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

1. Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP): five doses required. Four doses acceptable if dose 4 given on or after the 4th birthday. A single dose of Tdap is required at grades 7-12 if no previous history of Tdap vaccination regardless of the interval since the last TD.
2. Polomyelitis (IPV/OPV): four doses are required. Three doses acceptable. One dose required after age 4 regardless of the number of previous doses, with a 6 month minimum interval from the previous.
3. Measles, Mumps, Rubella: two doses required.
4. Hepatitis B: three doses required through grade 12.
5. Varicella (chickenpox): two doses required for grades K-12; unless history of varicella disease documented by a physician.
6. Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib): four doses required for children less than 5 years of age in early childhood programs. Total doses needed for series completion is dependent on the type of vaccine and the age of the child when doses given.
7. Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV): four doses required for children less than 5 ears of age in early childhood programs. Total doses needed dependent on the age of the child when doses given.
8. Hepatitis A: two doses required for children less than 5 years of age. The first dose is given at 12 to 18 months of age, with a 6 month interval between the first and second dose.

RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS (not required)

1. Meningococcal (MCV4): one dose recommended at 11 years with a booster at 16 years of age; not required for school entry.
2. Human Papillomavirus (HPV): three doses recommended for males and females at 11 years of age; not required for school entry.
3. Influenza: yearly vaccination recommended for all ages: >6 months of age; not required for school entry.

Also, no child should start their day without breakfast. Studies have demonstrated that students perform much better by starting their day with some nutrition. Although morning schedules are often rushed and time for breakfast can be challenging, students might want to consider carrying a nutritious snack with them.

Prescription medication MUST be brought to the Health Room for safe-keeping according to District policy. However, students here at WRHS are allowed to carry small amounts of over-the-counter medications in correctly labeled bottles i.e. Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Midol, cough drops.

We encourage students who need to use inhalers and/or EpiPens to carry them. They need to be correctly labeled and parent permission must be on file. Extra inhalers and/or EpiPens may also be stored in the Health Room.

◆ Enrollment Information

ACTIVITY FEES:

High School Participation Fees are listed below with per family maximum of \$200.00

ACTIVITY	STUDENT FEE	ACTIVITY	STUDENT FEE
Baseball	\$75.00	Boys Swimming	\$25.00
Boys Basketball	\$75.00	Boys Tennis	\$25.00
Football	\$75.00	Cheerleading	\$25.00
Girls Basketball	\$75.00	Cross Country	\$25.00
Softball	\$75.00	Girls Soccer	\$25.00
Bowling	\$50.00	Girls Swimming	\$25.00
Boys Golf	\$50.00	Girls Tennis	\$25.00
Drama	\$50.00	Model UN	\$25.00
Girls Golf	\$50.00	Dance Team	\$25.00
Volleyball	\$50.00	Quiz Bowl	\$25.00
Wrestling	\$50.00	Track	\$25.00
Boys Soccer	\$25.00		

FIRST-TIME KANSAS STUDENTS

Students age 9 and under attending a Kansas school for the first time must provide a written statement of health based on an assessment in the previous 12 months. Students will be granted a reasonable amount of time to obtain the statement or face possible exclusion from school and being reported to SRS for child neglect.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information on health requirements including immunizations, please contact the nurse at your child's school. In addition to the vision and hearing done in our schools, there will now be a free dental screening clinic provided for Auburn-Washburn students. In compliance with Kansas State Statute 72-5201, students will be screened unless the parent prefers to opt out of the screening.

Freshman and New Student Orientation Tuesday, August 15, 2023

8:00 – 9:00	Opening Session in Auditorium
9:00 – 9:45	Club Introduction
9:55 – 11:25	Advisory
11:30 – 12:10	Lunch
12:15 – 12:25	1st Hour
12:30 – 12:40	2nd Hour
12:45 – 12:55	3rd Hour
1:00 – 1:10	4th Hour
1:15 – 1:25	5th Hour
1:30 – 1:40	6th Hour
1:45 – 1:55	7th Hour
2:00 – 2:15	ADVISORY
2:30 – 2:55	Closing Session in Auxiliary Gym

ALL Freshman are required to attend and all NEW students are welcome to attend.

All Students- Full Day Wednesday, August 16, 2023

1st Hour	7:55 - 8:43
2nd Hour	8:48 - 9:36
3rd Hour	9:41 - 10:29
Advisory	10:33 - 11:00
4th Hour	11:05 - 11:53
5th Hour	11:58 - 1:16
1st Lunch	11:53 - 12:23
2nd Lunch	12:22 - 12:52
3rd Lunch	12:51 - 1:21
6th Hour	1:21 - 2:09
7th Hour	2:14 - 3:02

◆ Administrative Notes

Parents New to WRHS Meeting

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, August 23rd at 5:30 P.M. in Auditorium for the parents of any student new to WRHS. This would include all 9th graders' parents and all other new 10th, 11th, and 12th graders' parents. A variety of items will be discussed and a significant amount of time to answer questions will be allocated.

Fall Open House

The annual WRHS Fall Open House is also scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd. It will begin at 6:30 P.M. following the New Parent Meeting. We encourage all parents to attend this event and meet your student's teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. The evening will begin with an assembly of parents at 6:30 P.M. in the Auditorium, after which parents will follow their student's schedules. Students need not attend with their parents. Refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the evening.

Parent Portal

Parents have the ability to access their student's grades and scores through a computer software "Parent Portal." The high school monthly newsletter and student directory are also available on this site. Parents new to the district will receive information and a password for Parent Portal at registration in August.

Telephone Messages - Emergencies Only

To avoid making unnecessary classroom interruptions, the High School's office staff has been instructed to deliver student messages from parents or guardians that are only of the utmost in importance. These would include, but not be limited to:

1. Any emergency
2. Doctor and dental appointments of which the student is unaware.

School Safety A Priority

The Highway Patrol has set up a state-wide telephone number for people to call in and anonymously report a threat to school safety. The number is 1-877-626-8203.

PLC - Professional Learning Communities

WRHS PLC - Early Release dates.

FIRST SEMESTER	
September 13th	November 8th
October 4th	December 6th

SECOND SEMESTER	
January 24th	April 3rd
February 21st	May 1st

Directory Information

The USD 437 board and administration have determined that the following data will be designated "directory information":

- a. student's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and parent's name
- b. student's participation in officially recognized school activities and sports
- c. the weight, height and grade of members of athletic teams
- d. date of attendance
- e. scholarships and awards received
- f. the most recent previous school district attended by the student

This information is considered public information, which may be released by the school district without parent's prior consent. Patrons have until September 1, 2023 to inform the school district that any or all of the directory information about their student should not be released without parent's prior consent.

◆ Administrative Notes

Attendance News

Direct Line: 339-4150

Attendance Fax Line: 339-4125 (Address Fax: c/o Attendance)

Proper procedure must be followed when a student is absent or needs to leave school early:

1. The Attendance Office can not interrupt the classroom to pull a student out of class unless it is an emergency. Your assistance in helping us eliminate disruptions to the learning environment is appreciated. It is not advisable to wait until the last minute to call and get your student out of school—if you need to have your student released early, again please **PLAN AHEAD!** You need to give the Attendance Office at least one passing time (one hour notice) to page your student so they can come to the Attendance Office to pick up their “Permit to Leave the Building” pass in between classes.
2. You can leave a voice message on the Attendance phone line for all types of absences but, do not leave a message for an immediate “time sensitive release.” You need to talk to someone in Attendance to ensure your student is released at the proper time.
3. ALL STUDENTS ARRIVING AFTER 8:00 A.M. MUST CHECK IN AT THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE. Just a reminder: students must provide the proper verification of their whereabouts when away from school for any type of medical or general appointment, long-term absences, etc. Verification must be given to the Attendance Office upon the student’s return to school.
4. Parents are responsible for calling the Attendance Office on the day their student is absent. If the absence is not confirmed within 24 hours, the absence will be unexcused and consequences will be assigned.
5. As a courtesy for parents, the district will send an e-mail alert out at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for students being marked absent for 3 hours or more on any given day. Please keep in mind, attendance for your student’s absence will not be entered in Infinite Campus (Parent Portal) until later in the day, therefore, whether you have called or not, you may still receive these e-mails. If you have already called, you can simply disregard. If you have not already called Attendance, please take the opportunity to do so at your earliest convenience.
6. Reminder: Absences of three days or more requires an Extended Absence Form that must be completed and returned to the Attendance Office before being gone. Students can pick up this form from Attendance.

As always, we strive to serve your attendance needs in a friendly and positive manner. Your cooperation in following these attendance procedures is greatly appreciated.

Attendance Policy

A student’s attendance record is a very important part of his/her permanent record. Students with regular attendance will be more successful in their classes. Students are expected to be present and punctual for all classes throughout the year. The responsibility of school attendance is with the student and his/her parents.

When a student is absent it is the responsibility of the parents to call the Attendance Office (339-4150) on the day of absence. The call should be made before 9:30 AM. The Attendance Office is open at 7:00 AM for calls.

Any student who checks into school after 8:00 AM must first report to the Attendance Office and receive an ADMIT to class. Any student who is counted absent for first hour will be presumed absent for the entire school day if they do not report to the Attendance Office and get an admit slip.

Students who miss school because of an UNEXCUSED absence will be required to complete the daily work but will not be given credit. Exams and major assignments must be made up by the student in order to receive credit.

The SCHOOL will determine whether the absence is excused or unexcused. Board policy allows USD 437 to accept only the following as valid reasons for excusing an absence:

1. Personal illness- short or long-term illness (verified by notification from doctor).
2. Medical appointment- appointment for medical treatment (an appointment card must accompany the student upon return and be given to the attendance clerk).
3. Family crisis.

◆ Administrative Notes

Attendance Policy-Continued...

4. Extended absences- (i.e.: family vacation) when expressly requested by the parents or guardian and prior arrangements have been made in preparation for the absence as defined in the Student Handbook.
5. Participation in a district-approved or school-sponsored activity.
6. Obligatory religious observances.

Within a semester grading period, students must attend class, or a school-approved activity, a minimum of 90% of the periods the class meets to routinely receive credit. Failure to attend a minimum of 90% will not affect the grade given in any class, but will result in no credit being granted - despite the grade - should attendance fall below 90%. If a student is unexcused absent for more than the first ten minutes of class, the student is counted absent.

If attendance falls below 90% due to exceptional circumstances, a request can be made to determine whether or not credit will be granted. If a student or parent request an attendance review to gain credit for a class in which absences are excessive, they will have to account for ALL absences, excused and unexcused. There will be no differentiation between excused and unexcused absences when computing total absences in any class. Exemptions from the attendance policy may be granted on a case-by-case basis upon receipt of a medical doctor's attestation that the student's absences were medically necessary. Other unusual circumstances may also be considered at the discretion of administration.

Parents/guardians will be notified by the attendance office when the student has accumulated 75% and exceeded 100% of the allowed absences. Notification will be made:

- 5 absences (a Parent Courtesy Letter)
- 100% equals 10 absences (Notification by mail or email) Parent/Student must contact their Assistant Principal for an attendance review or credit will be lost.

RESPECTFUL USE POLICY FOR CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Washburn Rural High School enjoys a statewide reputation for educational excellence. This reputation is the product of the dedication of our student body, an outstanding instructional staff, a school philosophy of high expectations for all and diligence in minimizing interruptions and distractions during the instructional day. While not all electronic devices pose the same risk of disruption to the learning environment, it has become necessary to develop a policy that governs the use of some of the more intrusive. To this end:

- Students may possess or use personal electronic signaling devices (cell phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, Apple watches, etc.) on school campus provided that such devices do not disrupt the educational program or school activity and are not used for illegal or unethical activities such as cheating on assignments or tests, bullying or accessing pornographic materials.
- Electronic signaling devices shall be turned off and kept out of sight during class time or at any other time as directed by a school district employee, except when otherwise permitted, for educational purposes, by the teacher, administration or in school policy.
- Violations of this policy shall be subject to progressive discipline. If a student's use of an electronic signaling device causes a disruption as determined by a staff member, the student will be directed to turn off the device. On subsequent offenses, the device may be confiscated, a discipline point assigned and the device returned to the student at the end of the class period, school day or activity. A student's right to carry such devices may be revoked, by administration, for subsequent offenses. Other consequences outlined in the school discipline policy may be applied when appropriate for any misuse of said electronics.

◆ Administrative Notes

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES-continued...

- Confiscated electronic signaling devices shall be stored by school district employees in a secure manner.
- No student shall use an electronic signaling device with camera, video or voice recording functions in a way or under circumstances which infringe upon the privacy rights of other members of the school community. Students may be held personally liable for the dissemination of electronic materials that infringe upon other individuals' privacy rights.
- Students are responsible for personal electronic signaling devices they bring to school. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of any such device brought onto school property, except that it shall be the responsibility of the school to ensure the safekeeping of any confiscated devices.

DRESS CODE AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE

The general atmosphere of a school must be individually and collectively conducive to learning. If a student's attire becomes a disruptive factor in the educational process, a staff member will ask the student to make the necessary changes. Acknowledging that schools are not exclusively social environments and that the business of learning is conducted within them, student attire should reflect that reality. All clothing should be worn in the manner for which it was designed. The following list is prohibited, but not all-inclusive:

- Clothing which reveals parts of the body which are not usually exposed or visible in quasi-professional settings or typical work environments.
- No clothing or body adornments with offensive, sexually suggestive, vulgar, profane, ethnically derogatory messages, pictures, or symbols, illegal substances, drug paraphernalia, tobacco, alcohol, or depictions or symbols of violence.
- No potentially hazardous articles of jewelry or articles on clothing, such as chains or studded bands, or have sharp points, etc.
- No clothing or styles identified to be associated with gangs or illegal activities.
- No outdoor clothing or accessories, such as headgear, capes, blankets, hoodies, sunglasses, jackets or coats that make it difficult for staff to quickly identify students or which may pose a danger, distraction, disturbance to the school environment is allowed.

The final determination as to whether clothing is acceptable or not will be made by the administration. The considerations for these judgements will be made in accordance with the aforementioned stipulations.

Athletics & Activities

Fall Athletic Activities

The first day of practice for fall sports is Monday, August 14, 2023. There will be a Fall Orientation Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium. You need to have your sports physical and signed concussion form turned in to the Athletic Office prior to the first practice. You may turn your forms in at enrollment. STUDENTS WITHOUT A VALID KSHSAA SPORTS PHYSICAL DONE ON OR AFTER 5/1/23 WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE AND TRYOUT UNTIL ONE IS TURNED IN.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Head Coaches</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone#</u>
Cross Country	Matt Swedlund	swedlmat@usd437.net	785-221-2966
Football	Steve Buhler	buhleste@usd437.net	785-339-4191
Girls' Golf	Jared Goehring	goehrjar@usd437.net	785-339-4141
Boys' Soccer	Brian Hensyel	hensybri@usd437.net	785-339-4242
Girls' Tennis	Brad Johnston	johnsbr1@usd437.net	785-339-4286
Girls' Volleyball	Kevin Bordewick	bordekev@usd437.net	785-339-4169

2023-2024 Bell Schedules

WRHS Regular Schedule

<u>Period</u>	<u>Start-End</u>
1	7:55-8:43
2	8:48-9:36
3	9:41-10:29
Advisory/Club	10:33-11:00
4	11:05-11:53
5	11:58-1:16
	Lunch 1- 11:53-12:23
	Lunch 2- 12:22-12:52
	Lunch 3- 12:51-1:21
6	1:21-2:09
7	2:14-3:02

PLC Schedule (Early Release)

<u>Period</u>	<u>Start-End</u>
1	7:55-8:33
2	8:38-9:16
3	9:21-9:59
4	10:04-10:42
5	10:47-12:06
	Lunch 1- 10:42-11:12
	Lunch 2- 11:12-11:42
	Lunch 3- 11:41-12:11
6	12:11-12:49
7	12:54-1:32

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Find a Career Pathway that's right for you!

Summer jobs are valuable tools to help students discover their career interests. There are a variety of online tools available to students for use in exploring careers. Visit the [Plan Your Future page](#) for links to career interest surveys and planning your high school courses to align to your career goals.

WRHS will offer 15 Career Pathways for the 2023-24 school year! Each pathway encompasses a plan of study that provides a student the opportunity to explore all aspects of an industry or career field. There are three levels of courses; introductory, technical, and application.

Introductory level courses are designed to stimulate the students' appetite towards rewarding careers. Technical courses allow students to begin to learn detailed information on the careers available within the industry and gain skills to help them in the Application level. The Application level courses give students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a career through work-based experiences, both at school and off-site in local businesses.

For more information about Career Pathways visit the CTE website: WRHS.net/CTE

Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) complement teaching and learning through innovative programs, business and community partnerships, and leadership experiences at the school, state and national levels. WRHS offers DECA, FFA, and HOSA. Clubs also serve to enhance learning, as well as a way to foster friendships with students with similar interests. WRHS offers National Art Honor Society, Coding Club, Computer Science Honor Society, Robotics Club, and National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). Visit the [Student](#) page of the CTE website for more information.



The National Technical Honor Society exists to honor, recognize, and empower students and teachers in Career & Technical Education. NTHS celebrates the achievements of top CTE students, provides scholarships to encourage the pursuit of higher education, and cultivates excellence in today's highly competitive, and skilled workforce.

The **Jon H. Poteat Scholarship** is named in honor and memory of the NTHS Co-Founder. It is awarded annually to NTHS members who consistently exemplify the seven attributes of the National Technical Honor Society – Skill, Honesty, Service, Responsibility, Scholarship, Citizenship, and Leadership. We are pleased to award a \$1,000 (one-thousand dollar) Jon H. Poteat Scholarship to Brianna Jones. Pictured left to right, Teresa Golden, NTHS Advisor and scholarship recipient, Brianna Jones

An official groundbreaking ceremony took place on May 17 and construction is underway on an expansion and renovation at WRHS. The project includes an approximately 60,000 square foot addition of a new CTE Innovation wing. This space is designed to prepare students to enter post-secondary professional programs or the workforce. CTE students will have access to updated technology and equipment they will encounter in business and industry.



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Construction & Design

CAD, or computer-aided design, is a software-based program used by engineers and architects to create 2-D or 3-D drawings. Zack Blackinton and Cole Bunck are seniors in Mr. Gerlach's Drafting/CAD class. They have designed this floor plan of a two-bedroom, two-bath home for students in Residential Carpentry to construct, in partnership with Perry Schremmer, owner of Midwest Homes-Topeka, during the 2023-24 school year. Zack and Cole both plan to continue their education in Architecture and Design at Kansas State University in the fall.

This year's Residential Carpentry students have constructed a garden shed and four dog houses that are currently for sale to the public. (pictured below) Funds from the sale will be directed back into the Construction program for future student projects. For more information on purchasing, contact Teresa Golden, goldeter@usd437.net.

DOG HOUSES FOR SALE

BUILT BY WRHS STUDENTS

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- Built for quality and weather resistant
- 43" Long by 31" Wide
22" High
- Opening is 11 3/4" x 19 1/2"

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WRHS GARDEN SHED






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

<p style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">Property Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10' x 12' with 8' walls • 8" O.C. textured smart siding • Floor system treated material • Double door 60" x 80" • Weather wood architecture shingle 	<p>Price: \$3400</p> <p>Delivery: \$400 plus \$1 per mile Shawnee County</p>
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To purchase or questions contact:
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WRHS FFA: Year at a glance



New Teacher

Ms. Johnson came to WRHS for her first year of teaching. She graduated from College of the Ozarks where she spent time working on the school farms and majored in Agriculture Education.

New Students

We started the year with five returning FFA members from the year before. After some volunteering students in ag class to join and returning members dragging friends into meetings. By the end of our recruitment period we went into the year with around 30 FFA members.



The trips

Over the course of the year WRHS FFA took several trips. These trips were mostly for contests but also included a four day long trip to Indianapolis for the 95th National FFA Convention. Five students attended with about 60,000 other FFA members, advisors, and guests of the FFA organization. The convention included a large shopping center and a college/career fair with opportunities from across the country.



The contests

Throughout the year students attended several contest trips. Contests students competed in included Ag Mechanics, Poultry Judging, Livestock Judging, and Leadership events like Public Speaking and Job Interview.



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Pathway End of Year Highlights

Restaurant & Event Management



Ms. Dible's Culinary classes celebrated the 2023 graduates with treats. [Click to view the photos.](#)

Biochemistry, Biomedical & Health Science



Students in HOSA benefitted all year from a Stormont Vail Health speaker series during their club time. This summer, 30 WRHS students will have the opportunity to participate in UnVail'd - Discovering Health Careers Tour. They will have the opportunity to go behind the scenes of the hospital, learn about different roles, and hear about career, volunteer, and other opportunities within the organization. The event will take place on July 12th.

Marketing

In Common Grounds, students are constantly thinking of new drink ideas. Malaika Njuki, was experimenting with blending ice and trying to make a snow cone. Making ice from their blenders was not feasible to produce snow cones in a timely manner, but that idea led to students doing some research and putting together a product analysis presentation on the feasibility of getting a snow cone machine. From that, Common Grounds now has a snow cone machine, half a dozen new syrups and more crazy flavor combinations. Snow Cones are \$1.50 and they plan to have them available every Friday during the months of August, September, April, and May.

Digital Media

Check out the sneak peak of the 2022-23 cover in this issue of the newsletter. Ms. Luetje and her student team are excited about the theme of the 2022-23 Yearbook, "We Will Rural". They believe there's some thing for everyone in this yearbook!



Web & Digital Communications

Hollywood Animation Academy provided a tour for a student interested in pursuing animation as a career. Hollywood Animation Academy in Kansas City, Missouri, was developed by animation veterans from major Hollywood studios. It is the first specialty school for animation in the country designed specifically to give students everything they need to to get jobs in the animation industry.

Pictured left are a few WRHS students that participated in Highland Art Day on April 20th.

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The 2023 DECA International Career Development Conference took place in Orlando, FL on April 22-26! Over 22,000 DECA members, advisors and corporate partners have gathered in Orlando for the pinnacle event of the DECA year. Students got to spend the four days creating new connections, engaging in challenging new adventures and celebrating incredible achievements. DECA is an integral component of classroom instruction that helps members apply their learning and connect to business. This year, DECA encouraged students to *GET THE EDGE* through this organization! Students participated in DECA's Chapter Campaigns, created innovative new products in the DECA Idea Challenge, attended career pathway conferences, earned Gold-Level Certification for School-based Enterprises, and conquered the competition to make it all the way to the international stage at #DECAICDC. Students also took advantage of every opportunity DECA offered over the week, such as meeting incredible corporate partners, colleges and universities, and vendors in the exhibit hall, and sharing experiences on social media using #DECAICDC.



SBE ACADEMY + COMPETITION

The SBE Academy is held annually at DECA's International Career Development Conference. The following students from our WRHS business programs (The Shack, WRHS Bank and Common Grounds) attended this year's conference: Madeline Carter, Megan Christensen, Dylan Dodge, Rebecca Hoopes, Hayden Keller, and Madison Stout. Dynamic academies are offered exclusively to Gold-Certified SBEs and featured guest speakers and workshop sessions related to all aspects of running an SBE. Students have the opportunity to engage with other SBE students and learn from each other through interactive activities and networking. The SBE competition requires students to give an oral presentation in front of judges focused on one of the 10 business standards featured in the written chapter certification project. The competition topic rotates each year to give students a more in-depth understanding of the performance indicators and concepts covered in the certification project. This year's focus was on Promotion.

◆ Career and Technical Education

DECA SBE PROGRAMS SUPPORT 21ST CENTURY SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY DEVELOPMENT

Experience working within a DECA SBE provides students the opportunity to learn skills that aren't necessarily learned in the classroom. DECA SBE provides students with the same valuable learning experience of any co-op or part-time job without requiring students to leave school. By working in a real business within the school, students are provided real-world experience vital to developing 21st century skills and preparing for future careers.

	Critical Thinking & Problem Solving	Collaboration & Teamwork	Communication	Creativity & Innovation
Chapter Certification	Reflect critically on learning experiences and processes.	Assume shared responsibility for collaborative work, and value the individual contributions made by each team member.	Use communication for a range of purposes (e.g., to inform, instruct, motivate and persuade).	Be open and responsive to new and diverse perspectives; incorporate group input and feedback into the work.
SBE Academy	Identify and ask significant questions that clarify various points of view and lead to better solutions.	Demonstrate ability to work effectively and respectfully with diverse teams.	Listen effectively to decipher meaning, including knowledge, values, attitudes and intentions.	Develop, implement and communicate new ideas to others effectively.
SBE Competition	Use various types of reasoning (inductive, deductive, etc.) as appropriate to the situation.	Exercise flexibility and willingness to be helpful in making necessary compromises to accomplish a common goal.	Articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written and nonverbal communication skills in a variety of forms and contexts.	Demonstrate originality and inventiveness in work and understand the real-world limits of adopting new ideas.



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DECA's School-based Enterprise (SBE) Program has a number of educational activities designed to connect classroom curriculum with hands-on learning experiences by working in the SBE learning lab. SBE programs are designed to:

- Establish greater understanding of selected career cluster knowledge statements and performance indicators.
- Allow students to earn recognition for their achievements.
- Provide experiences to develop 21st century skills including communication, critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity.
- Prepare students for higher learning and future careers. Utilizing the SBE programs available through DECA further enhances authentic, experience-based learning for your students and can provide a framework for developing relevant curriculum that strengthens the connection between the classroom and real-world work experience.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL-BASED ENTERPRISE?

A school-based enterprise (SBE) is an entrepreneurial operation in a school setting that provides goods/ services to meet the needs of the market. SBEs are managed and operated by students as hands-on learning laboratories that integrate National Curriculum Standards in marketing, finance, hospitality or management. SBEs provide realistic and practical learning experiences that reinforce classroom instruction. SBEs can sell to consumers through a permanent location, a mobile kiosk or through Internet marketing. Products may include spirit wear, food and beverage items, school supplies, signs and banners and more, while other SBEs provide services such as creative design, advertising sales and more.



CHAPTER CERTIFICATION

The chapter certification program reinforces the integration of National Curriculum Standards into the learning-lab environment of SBEs. Students reflect upon their work in the SBE through documentation of 10 key business standards (instructional areas) and performance indicators from the Business Administration Core, the Marketing Career Cluster, and the Merchandising Pathway of National Curriculum Standards including the following: 1. Financial Analysis 2. Operations 3. Marketing-Information Management 4. Market Planning 5. Product/Service Management 6. Pricing 7. Distribution/Channel Management 8. Promotion 9. Selling 10. Human Resources Management.

Chapters submit a written project online to DECA for evaluation by judges in an effort to earn the national distinction of a DECA Gold-Certified SBE. The process provides an opportunity to analyze your school-based business, determine your SBE's strengths and weaknesses, and showcase the learning outcomes of your students. Earning gold certification also opens the door to other opportunities available through DECA including the SBE Academy and competition at DECA's International Career Development Conference.

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Sponsored by Silver Lake Bank

Jr. Blue Crew Gives Away \$500 Investment

On May 9th, the WRHS Bank presented a \$500 investment Grand Prize. Students and staff as well as bank employees, gathered around the WRHS Bank in the commons to draw for the winner. Only the members of the Junior Blue Crew who deposited \$7.00 each month, from September to April, were eligible for this grand prize.

The winner was Kayla Peter, a senior and WRHS Bank employee at WRHS. Congratulations to all Jr. Blue Crew members who were eligible and keep saving - next year could be your year!



Kayla is pictured with WRHS Bank Sponsor, Brian McFall.



2023 Junior Blue Crew Members

Open your account at enrollment or on the first day of school!

WRHS Bank and staff will be available on enrollment days to open accounts and process transactions. Students and staff are available every day during lunch. Students can create a bank account at WRHS for a variety of reasons:

1. Build a savings account and earn interest each month!
2. Cash and Deposit Checks.
3. Have money available during the school year for miscellaneous items and events that come up!
4. Be eligible for monthly prizes!
5. Deposit every month to be able to win a \$500 investment at the end of the year!



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COMMON GROUNDS

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HOURS

Monday-Friday

BEFORE SCHOOL: 7:00 - 7:45

DURING LUNCH: 11:27 - 1:11





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<https://ruralspirit.square.site/>

◆ The Chimes Yearbook

2023 Yearbooks will be distributed at enrollment.

Purchase your 2024 yearbook at enrollment! Prices are at their lowest.

2022 Enrollment: \$55

2023 Enrollment: \$75 (only if extras are available - no guarantee)

Order Online: www.yearbookordercenter.com - school code: 33333

2023 SENIOR Yearbook Delivery: Graduates, you'll need to pick up your yearbooks at enrollment too. If you can't make it, you can have parents or siblings pick up your book during enrollment. Or you may call the high school (339-4100) and ask to have your book delivered to the main office. Please call 24 hours prior to pick up.

Mailing Yearbooks: If you would like your yearbook mailed, the cost is \$10, which covers postage and materials. Call (339-4100) or send payment (5900 SW 61st Street, Topeka, KS 66619) and your updated mailing address. Books are usually mailed in mid-August.

Yearbook Portraits: Will be mailing portrait package information to homes prior to enrollment. We encourage all students to get a portrait taken for school publication purposes. You are under no obligation to purchase these photos. If you want your student to be included in the Chimes yearbook, they must take a picture during enrollment or at one of the two retake days. *This is different than their ID photo. If a student does not take an Inter-State portrait, they will not be included in the people section of the yearbook.* Seniors may submit their own image.

Please plan to have your yearbook portrait taken at enrollment August 2 - 3.



Interstate Yearbook Pictures

ENROLLMENT

AUGUST 2-3

7AM-7PM

**FRESHMEN
&
FACULTY**

AUGUST 15

**7:20 AM
- 1:30 PM**

RETAKES

OCTOBER 9

**BEGINS @
10:30 AM**

◆ The Chimes Yearbook

Washburn Rural High School Yearbook

wrhsyearbook@usd437.net

Ad Deadline: [second Friday in September](#)

Dear WRHS Supporter,

The Chimes is a financially self sufficient, student run publication distributed to over 80% of the students and staff at Washburn Rural High School. We are offering businesses and supporters of WRHS the opportunity to be a yearbook sponsor. Your sponsorship will help fund a book that becomes a local piece of the Auburn Washburn School District's legacy. Your sponsorship will show students and the community that you support our efforts. We couldn't make the yearbook without you. We are offering four levels of support:

The Gold Level Package -\$400

- Business logo placed on professionally produced color banner
- Business name and level of support listed in the WRHS school newsletter
- Business name and level of support listed in the WRHS school newspaper, The Blue Streak
 - Half page, full color ad in the Chimes yearbook
 - Business name printed on the back of our staff t-shirts

The Blue Level Package -\$300

- Business logo placed on professionally produced black & white banner
- Business name and level of support listed in the WRHS School newsletter
- Business name and level of support listed in the WRHS school newspaper, The Blue Steak
 - One fourth page, full color ad in the Chimes yearbook

The White Level Package -\$200

- Business name and level of support listed in the WRHS school newsletter
- One fourth page, full color ad in the Chimes yearbook

Jr. Blues Sponsor -\$50

- Business name and contact information listed in the Chimes yearbook

Please indicate your level of support and return this flyer to:



The WRHS Chimes Yearbook Staff
5900 S.W. 61st Street
Topeka, KS 66619

A yearbook student will contact you for ad information.
Ad submission deadline: second Friday in September

Questions? Please call 785-339-4252

2024 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

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**

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**



PTO Blues Backers Summer 2023

THE VOTES ARE IN!

The current Blues Backers officers voted on the member positions for the 2023-2024 school year during the final 2022-2023 meeting. There are still plenty of vacancies so please contact Deanna Hutsen @ deanna.hutsen@gmail.com if you can help in any way.

2023-2024 PTO Slate of Officers

- President: Deanna Hutsen
- Vice President/Membership: Ronda Kozlowski
- Secretary: Carrie Stead
- Treasurer: Erin Appuhn
- Assistant Treasurer: Jen VandeVelde
- Staff Appreciation/Hospitality: Charity King
- Social Media/Newsletter: TBD
- Post Prom Chair: Ronda Kozlowski
- Concessions Stand Chair: TBD
- Concessions Stand Purchasing: TBD
- Concessions Stand Drinks: TBD
- Concessions Scheduling: Deanna Hutsen

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023!!!

The Blues Backers are proud of all of you!! You have persevered through quite a wild high school ride. We can't wait to see and hear about all your accomplishments and successes on your new journey!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



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WE LOVE DONATIONS!

We continue to accept donations throughout the year for each year's post prom event. Venmo is available for purchasing items, memberships, donations, etc...

@WashburnruralHSpto





PTO Blues Backers Summer 2023

THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

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Financial Services
Jerrod & Katie Ainsley
Chris & Erin Appuhn
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Jamie Didde
Tara & Braden Dimick
Rachel Ebert
Matt & Krystal Frydendall
Jamie & Mary Gingrich
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Jennifer & Matt Harader
Dustin & Carrie Hawks
Jared Hedden
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Johnny and Amy Hoytal

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Diane Jones
Kris & Melissa Kasprzyk
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Mark & Wendy Leenerts -
Integrity Roofing
Anya Leonard
April & Chen Liang
Jacqueline & Torey Lightcap
Michelle & Matt Lucht
Scott & Ashley Manrose
Sara McIlvain
Monka & Bill McSweeney
Catherine Meier
Nathan & Jessica Miles
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Derrick & Sherriene Sontag
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Bank, Common Grounds, The
Shack
Scott and Noelle Resch

Blue Level

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THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Blue Level (Continued)

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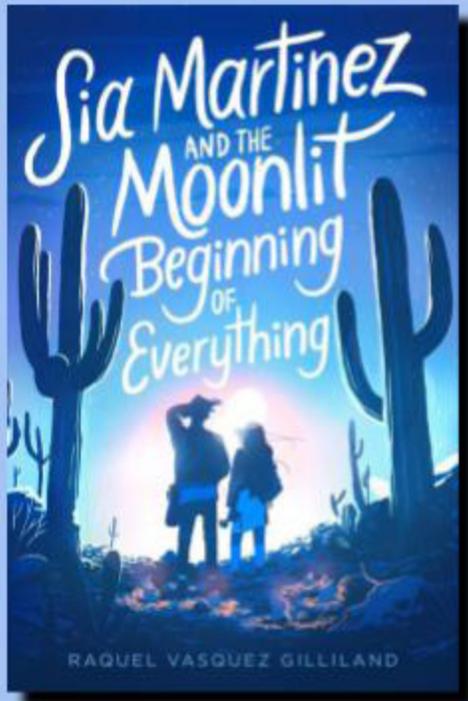
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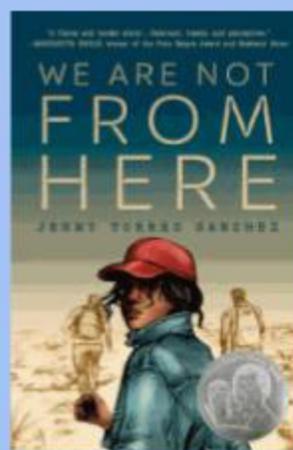
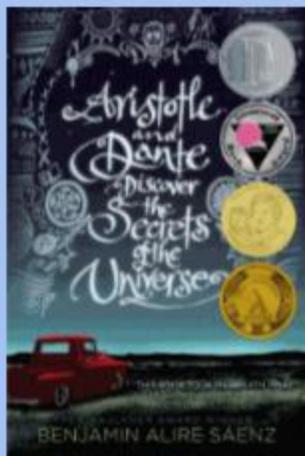
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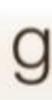
Sia is angry after the death of her mother, who died after being deported to Mexico. When Sia gets assigned to a partner project to study the moon with the new boy in school, the two discover secrets about each other, and learn there is more to a person's story than what is just on the surface. Throw in an Alien spacecraft crashing into the desert, and you have a unique, fast-paced, read to help you mark off a square on your summer reading Bingo card!

Similar Titles Include:



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Visit the WRHS Library to place a hold on or check out one of these amazing books today!

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WRHS Library 2023 Summer Reading Bingo

get 5 in a row & win a prize!



B I N G O

Book with a blue cover	Genre: Fantasy	Young Adult Lit	A book from WRHS Library	Published in 2023
Book from TSCPL	Genre: Historical Fiction	Re-read a favorite	First book in a series	Title Starts with letter "W"
Flowers on the cover	Book from Round Table in NOTO	Free Space	Set during the summer	Genre: Thriller or Horror
Book made into a movie	Audio or eBook	Science Fiction	Number in the title	Genre: Mystery
Featuring Multiple POVs	Genre: Nonfiction or Biography	Read a Banned Book	Genre: Novel in Verse	400+ Pages

WRHS Media Center



Washburn Rural High School
Summer Library Book Checkout Form 2023
<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: **Wednesday, May 17 - Wednesday, May 24** 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 22nd and Thursday, July 20th** from **1 pm to 3 pm**.
- ❖ **All materials are due back during the first week of school in August.**

All Together Now: Summer Reading Challenge from the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library.

Learn more: <https://tscpl.org/summer>
June 1 - July 31

Tag us on social media @wrhslib with #warureads!



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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: _____

<https://tscpl.org/research/jobs-careers>

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RESEARCH & LEARNING RESOURCES



Job & Career
Search



Resumes &
Cover Letters

Jobs & Careers Home

Job Search & Career Development

Resumes & Cover Letters

Tax Forms & Assistance

Computer & Training Classes

Work at the Library

The Job Lab presentations can help you create a step-by-step plan to get the job or career of your dreams.

Job Lab Presentations & Handouts

- [Resumes](#)
- [Cover Letters](#)
- [How to Search](#)
- [How to Apply](#)
- [Bust the Filter](#)
- [Rock the Interview](#)

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LEVEL 2 TECH CENTER



Overview

Take your skills, hobbies and work to the next level in the community's free cutting-edge technology work space – the Level 2 Tech Center. This area includes a fully-equipped digital art studio, two recording studios, 30 computers and 5 small meeting rooms. Regardless of your skill level, the library has the staff, equipment, software and training to help you level up your tech game.



Training is required before reserving or using the specialized equipment in the Level 2 Tech Center.

[Register for Equipment Orientation Class](#)

[Reserve a Mac or PC Workstation in Digital Art Studio](#)

[Reserve a Recording Studio, 3D printer, or Cricut](#)

[Reserve a CoLab Room](#)

Schedule an Orientation

Request time with Level 2 Tech Center staff for an individual orientation appointment on one of these topics:

- Audio/Video Recording Studios
- Cricut Explorer 3
- 3D Printer

[Request Appointment](#)

What you'll find in the Level 2 Tech Center

- Fully-equipped recording studios for audio and video recording
- Digital art studio with Macs, Adobe Creative Suite, Cricut, 3D printer, and laminator
- CoLab rooms for 1-3 people with a conference table, 42" monitor, webcam, speakers & software
- Public computers with high speed internet and Microsoft software



[Register for equipment/room orientation class](#) to learn to use a recording studio or the digital art studio. Once you've learned the basics of how the equipment works, you can schedule time in these spaces to work on your audio-visual and graphic design projects – podcasts, videos, photo editing, graphic design, vinyl lettering or almost anything else you dream up. Another great learning tool is [LinkedIn Learning](#), which you can use free with your library card. Tech Center staff will help you find the best courses to help you accomplish your goals.

Logistics

- Located on the 2nd floor of the library, west of the Topeka Room.
- Adults and children age 12 and older can use the Level 2 Tech Center independently. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Studio spaces including Recording Studios and the Digital Art Studio have an additional age restriction: children under age 8 are not allowed in Studio spaces. Children 8 to 11 must be accompanied by an adult who is certified to use the equipment.
- Stop in to learn more.

