

WRHS NEWLETTER

2023-2024



WRHS NEWS OCTOBER 2023

FALL

Fall in the Wood River Valley is truly unmatched. The spectacular transformation of leaves and the cooler weather offer a welcomed change, making it a season cherished by many.

Fall also marks the return to routine for our students and staff. By October, we've mostly acclimated to the hustle and bustle of the school year and are forging stronger connections with one another. The change of seasons also serves as a reminder of the privilege we hold in observing the remarkable growth of our students over the year.

In October, district sports competitions kick into high gear, and we extend our best wishes to all our athletes. We encourage everyone to come out and witness these students in action – you won't be disappointed!

Warm regards,

Julia Grafft



OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Thursday-Friday, October 12-13**
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
 - Thursday, 4:30-8pm (childcare provided)
 - Friday, 8-11:30am
 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- **Wednesday, October 18**
PSAT Testing: 9th-11th grade
SENIOR MEETING @ 9am
- **Monday, October 23**
PTSA SENIOR PARENT MEETING
regarding Senior Bash @ 7pm in the Den at WRHS
- **Friday, October 27**
PICTURE RETAKES

PLEASE NOTE:

Student grades are most current in Schoology. Please see instructions later in the newsletter on how to access the parent account on the app or website.

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IMPORTANT UPDATES

GRADES: PowerSchool v. Schoology



Until we have worked out all the bugs with PowerSchool, the most current grades for your student will be found in Schoology. See how to log into Schoology later in this newsletter. You will need to use your separate Schoology login until our Tech department can complete the Schoology set up within your PowerSchool login.



WOLVERINE SPORTS PARENTS & FANS

BIG TEAMS: We encourage all fans and parents to get a Fan Account with Big Teams. This is where we send up to date notifications on cancellations, postponement and schedule updates. Previously we were able to direct message through our athlete registration platform, Planet High School. Since our transition to PowerSchool, registering for a Fan Account will enable you to stay more up to date throughout the season as well as to receive any important announcements. [Fan Account Guide Link](#)

DISTRICTS: As we enter into districts, we want to remind everyone to enjoy the thrill of the competition while still practicing good sportsmanship in the stands. IHSAA encourages us to remind fans that athletic events are not about winning at all costs, disrespecting others, or criticizing the athletes, coaches and officials. Please stay positive in your support of our athletes and the staff that enable these competitions to happen. Also, as a reminder, IHSAA bans the use of artificial noise makers at competitions.

Thank you and Go Wolverines!

Please use the links below to track our standings in Districts (tabs on bottom for each sport), and use your Big Team account to track the schedule updates.

*Good!
Luck!*

2023-2024 Fall Sports Standings
2023-2024 District Brackets

WOOD RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
WOLVERINES

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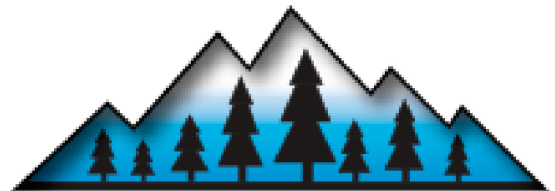
Youth Wellbeing Survey for Blaine Schools - Parent Opt In

As part of our effort to understand and meet the needs of students in our care, Blaine County School District has partnered with Communities for Youth, an Idaho-based organization focused on community-engaged promotion for student wellbeing. Part of their work with us includes surveying young people in our community. What we learn will help us prevent substance use and other things such as youth mental health challenges. The survey contains questions pertaining to several areas of wellbeing: Family, Schools, Community, Peers, Social Media use, Coping Skills, Substance Use, and Leisure Time. The results of this study will help adults come together to create safe and supportive environments for young people in our community. Your student's participation is very important to us, if you haven't already provided consent, please let us know and we can help you do so.

Although some of the questions can be about sensitive topics, we want you to rest assured that all surveys are completely anonymous and no answer can be tied back to your child. Also, your child will be able to skip any question for any reason. The survey is designed to take just one Advisory period and will provide insights and benefits to our whole community.

Once the survey is completed, Communities for Youth will provide data summaries to schools and will co-host meetings in our community so we can all build a shared understanding about the ways in which we can make Blaine County the best possible place for kids to grow up.

If you would like to view the survey or have any questions, please contact Julia Grafft, WRHS Principal at jgrafft@blaineschools.org or (208) 578-5023.



September's Wolverine Excellence Award Winners



We Take Care: *Abe Gross*

Abe is a freshman here at Wood River High School. Abe was nominated for his proactively and promptly letting us know of any issues in our beautiful building. Thank you, Abe, for taking care of our school and helping us keep our facilities clean.

We Improve: *Hilary Biggers*

Hilary Biggers is an English Teacher at WRHS. Ms. Biggers was nominated for her welcoming and supportive presence in our school. She exudes school spirit and actively encourages others to participate in WRHS traditions. Thank you, Ms. Biggers, for your dedication to making our school a better place.



We Stay Curious: *Zane Oliver*

Zane is also a freshman at Wood River High School and a valued member of our football team. Zane was nominated for his curiosity and engagement in his mathematics course. Thank you, Zane, for helping our school be a place for inquiry!

We Earn Trust: *Camila Reyes Garcia*

Camila is a sophomore at WRHS. Camila was nominated due to her dedication and consistency at school. Camila is known for following through on the commitments she makes. Thank you, Camila, for earning trust in our school!



OUR INCREDIBLE STUDENTS

WRHS's National Merit Scholar *Lucas Smith*

Lucas Smith has the prestigious honor of being recognized as a National Merit Scholar in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program for his academic talent. This incredible achievement was given to just over 16,000 students nationally. The recognition as a semifinalist gives him the opportunity to continue in the Merit Scholarship competition and advance to Finalist standing by meeting a number of additional requirements. Finalists compete for 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million. One of enduring goals of the NMSC is "to promote wider and deeper respect for learning in general and for exceptionally talented individuals in particular." Congratulations to Lucas Smith for being one of those students!



WRHS's Commended Student in National Merit Scholarship Program *Dionise Guerra-Carrillo*

Dionise Guerra-Carrillo has been recognized as a *Commended Student* in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2024 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2024 competition by taking the 2022 PSAT/NMSQT test last October. We at WRHS are so proud of Dionise's amazing accomplishment!



OUR INCREDIBLE STUDENTS

There are 91 total AP Scholars for the 2022-23 year. including 48 students who graduated in 2023, 44 current seniors & 3 current juniors*.



- **AP SCHOLAR WITH DISTINCTION:** Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.
 - Maeve Coffelt
 - Conrad Foster
 - Kemen Freeman
 - Dionise Guerra-Carrillo
 - Lucas Smith
 - Leo Star
- **AP SCHOLAR WITH HONOR:** Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.
 - Aymane Allen-Hamnach
 - Leila Brickley*
 - Elliott Burks
 - Gus Hedrick
 - Cesar Hurtado
 - Kadance Jacobson
 - Oliver Mullen
 - Ripley Scales
 - Emmett Stouffer
 - Jesse Swink
 - Elena Tamayo
 - Tatum Ware
- **AP SCHOLAR:** Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.
 - Ryan Bennett
 - Langley Bier
 - Ben Boccabella
 - Hunter Ervin
 - Ruby Gardner
 - Chase Geagan*
 - Vera Lucia Gonzales
 - Julian Gray
 - Theodore Hobbs
 - Annabel Jenson
 - Judas Johnson
 - Erick Marin
 - Dexter Morrison
 - Joselyn Mosqueda-Camacho
 - Diana Oztzy
 - Adan Pasillas
 - Lillian Peck
 - Annika Petersen
 - Dylan Prabowo
 - Charlie Roberts
 - Cedar Shepard
 - Charlotte Stone
 - Owen Thompson
 - Alfonzo Zavala



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There are also 26 current sophomore and junior National Recognition Scholars.

National Recognition Scholar Criteria:

- Sophomores and juniors with a 3.5 GPA or higher, received qualifying scores on eligible administrations of the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, or AP® Exams, and identify as Black/African American, Latinx/Hispanic, Indigenous, or attend high school in a rural area or small town may be eligible for one or more of these programs if they submit an application:



National African American Recognition Award (NAARA)

National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)

National Rural and Small Town Award (NRSTA)

Aymane Allen-Hamnach: NRSTA

Sebastien Boiron: NRSTA

Leila Brickley: NRSTA

Elliott Burks: NRSTA

Deva Burns: NAARA, NRSTA

Alexia Crowdson: NRSTA

Hunter Ervin: NRSTA

Robert Estrada: NHRA

Kemen Freeman: NRSTA

Ruby Gardner: NRSTA

Chase Geagan: NRSTA

Julian Gray: NRSTA

Audrey Hernandez: NRSTA

Theodore Hobbs: NRSTA

Oliver Mullen: NRSTA

Avery Nordenfelt: NRSTA

Jonah Pettinger: NRSTA

Brett Poggi: NRSTA

Ella Shaughnessy: NRSTA

Julia Sinnamon: NRSTA

Ripley Scales: NRSTA

Leo Star: NRSTA

Emmett Stouffer: NRSTA

Elena Tamayo: NHRA, NRSTA

Theo Thomason: NRSTA

Zach Quesnel: NRSTA

Alfonso Zavala: NHRA, NRSTA

OUR INCREDIBLE STUDENTS

WRHS Speech and Debate Recognized by the National Speech and Debate Association

The Wood River High School Speech and Debate team has earned significant recognition from the National Speech & Debate Association for the 2022-2023 school year.



Students earn Honor Society points and degrees based on competition, leadership, and service activities which contribute to a school's strength points. The WRHS chapter achieved enough strength points to earn membership in the Association's prestigious **100 Club**. The club award is remarkable because it demonstrates outstanding commitment to teaching students essential life skills - including communication, research, listening, writing, and organization.



2022-2023 WRHS Speech & Debate Team

The NSDA also commended the leadership of the WRHS Speech & Debate Team. We are grateful for the investment of Kevin Case - Speech/Debate Head Coach, Renee Tatterson - Assistant Speech/Debate Coach, and Hilary Biggers, Volunteer.

After last year's performances, WRHS's Speech/Debate team is ranked 7th in the state overall and first in the Gem of the Mountains District. We also have a couple individuals ranked in the state: Dionise Guerra-Carrillo is ranked 13th in the state in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Ellis Rogers is ranked 18th in the state in Congressional Debate. Congratulations to our team!

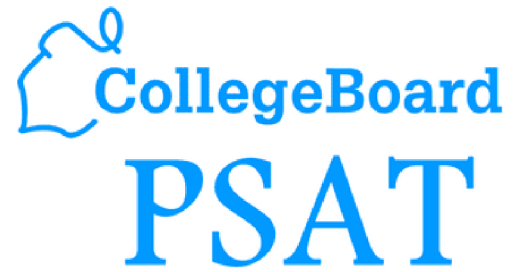
The WRHS Debate Team competed in our season opener here at WRHS this past weekend had an outstanding first showing! Carter Thompson earned an 8th place overall in varsity division. In the novice division WRHS students placed as follows: Avie Nelson, 2nd place overall; Carson Bauer, 3rd place overall; Glenda Davis, 4th place overall; Benaiah Rosser, 5th place overall; James Kelley, 8th place overall. We were able to bring home 5 of the top 8 awards, all of the students competing in the novice divisions were competing at their first tournament!



Participants in Last Weekend's Tournament

WHY PSAT TESTING?

9th, 10th, and 11th Graders
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18



WRHS 9th-11th students will be taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) on Wednesday, October 18.

9th graders will be taking the PSAT 8/9 and 10th & 11th

graders will be taking the PSAT NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test).

Why are we having students take the PSAT?

- With the ISATs no longer being taken in the 9th or 10th grade, WRHS needs to way to assess how we are doing, both nationally and vertically from 8th - 11th grade. The PSAT is a nationally normed test that helps us know if our students are learning in both Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. The results come out in December, allowing us to analyze and adjust our instruction in the current school year. Since these results can be broken down to specific learning targets, core departments spend time scrutinizing the data to need to adjust our curriculum and focus.
- PSAT scores are used for placement in more advanced courses at Wood River High School. Some dual credit classes have a requirement of minimum scores for placement.
- The PSAT provides the following benefits to students:
 - Helps them identify strengths and weaknesses early in high school when they still have time to work on them
 - Helps them identify which AP and Dual Credit courses they are more likely to do well in.
 - Great practice for the 11th grade PSAT which qualifies students for the National Merit Scholarship Program and is a good predictor of SAT score the next spring
 - Great practice for other standardized tests for careers and the military like the Mechanical Aptitude Test and the ASVAB
 - Whether students are planning on a 4 year university, a 2 year community college, a skilled trade program (electrician) or the military, there is almost always a standardized test required for program placement, course placement or admission.
 - Can boost students' testing confidence and help them learn how to navigate a testing environment which makes testing less stressful

SENIOR PARENTS

Senior Portraits and Ads



Senior Portraits, Words of Wisdom, Baby Photos, and Nicknames are due by December 1st. Your student has received an email with a link to the Google form for their submission. Students are responsible for submitting this information on the Google form.

Senior Ads are due by December 1st. You may purchase and create your ad online [here](#), or you can create your own and submit it [here](#). All senior ads include the 2024 yearbook with your student's name embossed on the cover.

If you would like to purchase just a yearbook, click [here](#) or go to yearbookordercenter.com.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Duncan at rbornhoftduncan@blaineschools.org.



CLASS OF 2024

CELEBRATE YOUR GRAD

GRADUATE ADS

DEADLINE FRIDAY DEC. 1, 2023

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATING SENIOR! CELEBRATE THEM WITH A SPECIAL PAGE IN THE YEARBOOK. ALL ADS INCLUDE THE COST OF 1 YEARBOOK WITH YOUR GRADS NAME ON THE COVER.

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1/2 Page Horizontal	\$150
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SENIOR PARENTS

IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES



October 18: SENIOR MEETING @ 9am in Auditorium

- We will be reviewing key information for our seniors, including a presentation from Jostens regarding graduation memorabilia, caps and gowns, and announcements.

December 1: Deadline for Senior Portraits, Words of Wisdom, Baby Photos, and Nicknames (submitted by student) and Senior Ads in Yearbook (submitted by parents)

May 31: Last Day of School for Seniors

- Seniors will complete all course requirements and finals by May 31. Senior celebratory events will be scheduled throughout the following week and will be shared once details are finalized.

June 7: Class of 2024 Graduation @ 4pm

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Each month, the WRHS Newsletter will spotlight some of the clubs available at WRHS.

KEY CLUB

Club Advisor: Kat Thorp

Key Club is a thriving service organization that helps in the community, especially when it comes to children and literacy. Some events that we participate in are Meet the Fleet, Hailey's Halloween Hoopla, Bellevue's Trunk or Treat, child care for Parent Teacher evening conferences, Walk or Bike to Work event, and reading with kindergarten classes at Alturas. We are always looking for students who want to contribute to their community through service. We meet on Mondays at lunch in our advisor, Ms. Kat Thorp's room in A208. All are welcome!



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

NOSOTROS UNITED

Club Advisor: Michel Sewell

“To promote the blending of cultures and ambitious dreams for all”



Our club's motto is to promote the blending of cultures and ambitious dreams for all. We try to be a source of comfort and support to those who aspire for greatness. By being an aid, and hopefully an example, we pave the way for those who strive for betterment. In the past, we have invited Eduardo Chavez, the grandson of Cesar Chavez, to tell his grandfather's story, as well as his own struggles of being a Latino American. We also have had the honor to welcome labor rights leader, Dolores Huerta, in our school gymnasium. She gave an amazing

presentation that inspired others to try their hardest in whatever they believe in. We have successfully executed middle school mentoring, where we played games, helped with homework, and shared some high school advice. One holiday that is truly important to our club is the Day of the Dead, or in other words, El Dia De Los Muertos. In the past, we have done activities relating to this holiday such as making sugar skulls and creating Papel Picado to decorate our school. We also sold Concha bread and hot chocolate as a fundraiser. It ended up being a great success and we successfully shared culture throughout Wood River High School. Lastly, we are the only student-led committee that gives out scholarships to outstanding members in our club. Last year, we proudly gave away three scholarships to members of Nosotros United, Jannet Patlan, Anay Gil-Salinas and Joselyn Gúzman. This year we hope to continue to spread culture throughout our school and to guide students to meet their ambitious dreams.



PowerSchool/Schoology

Follow the instructions below to access Schoology for your student's most current grades. If you have any issues or questions regarding Schoology access, please contact Kari Haugen at khaugen@blaineschools.org or 578-5020 x 2258.

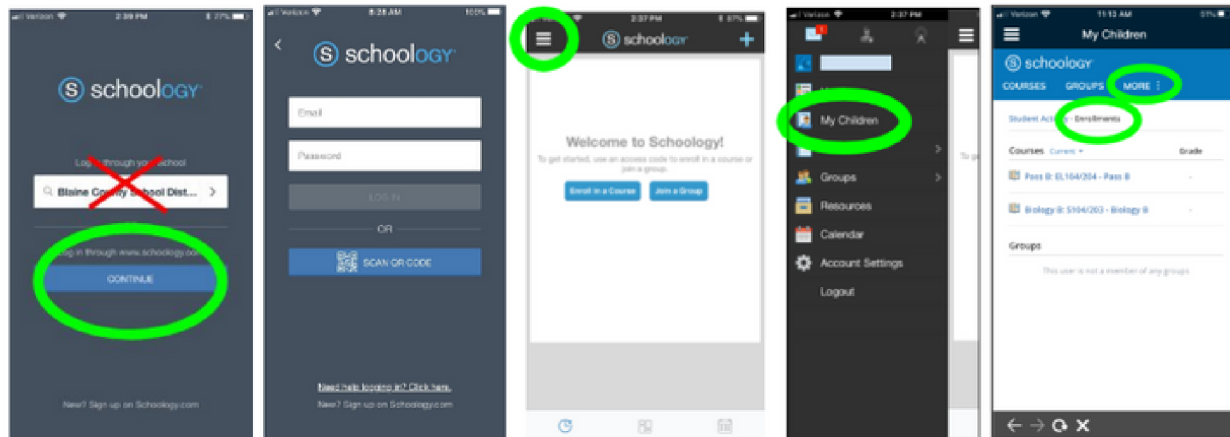
Schoology Parent Access: Checking Grades with Smartphone app

Download the Schoology app from your App Store.

Open the app and click the blue **CONTINUE** button.

Enter the **parent email address** from Skyward and password: **wrhs11**

To view the grades, click "Enrollments" or go to the "Grades" tab under the "More" menu.



In the app, you can:

Check grades, view calendars and due dates, set email notifications, and change the password.
Visit the "Students and Parents" tab on the WRHS website for more details and video tutorials.

Schoology Parent Access: Checking Grades with Browser

Go to www.schoology.com and click **LOG IN**

Enter the **parent email address** from Skyward and password: **wrhs11**

Sign in to Schoology

All fields are required

[Forgot your password](#) [SSO Login](#)

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Student Activity - Enrollments	
Courses - Current	Grade
Chemistry A: S166/104 - Chemistry A	98.35%
Accounting A: P1154/161 - Accounting A	100%
DI Human Rights & Social Order: S5108/101 - DI Human Rights & Social Order	100%
Pre-Calculus A: M113/101 - Pre-Calculus A	-

Recent Grades	
Graded assignments	29
Graded tests/quizzes	1
Graded discussions	-
Overdue	
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016	
CLAS: Welcome to APJUN	
11:00 pm	

PowerSchool/Schoology

SMS Text Opt-In



Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".


SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#) so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
now!**



**Just send "Y"
or "Yes" to
67587.**

 **Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:** SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers.

If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions: Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/tm for more info.

WOOD RIVER MERCHANDISE



**CHECK OUT OUR NEW INVENTORY AND
YOUR WOLVERINE PRIDE!**

**CLICK HERE TO
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ONLINE STORE**

STICKERS



T-SHIRTS - \$17

Variety of colors and designs

LONG SLEEVED SHIRTS - \$30

Athletic style in two colors

SWEATSHIRTS - \$50

White or Carbon Heather with
updated Mountain Tough Logo



HATS - \$25

New styles* to choose from!

- Heather grey/white with heather grey WR*
- White with green WR*
- Black/white with Wolverine

DELUXE PLUSH BLANKET - \$75

60" x 80"



STADIUM SEATS

\$60

Limited supply left



PENNANTS - \$12

FLAGS - \$75



~3' x 5'

**Check out the merchandise at the
WRHS Open House on August 28!**