

WRHS NEWLETTER

2023-2024



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HOLIDAY SEASON WISH

This time of the year is undoubtedly filled with the magic of festivities and celebrations. However, it's important to acknowledge that for some, this season may bring its own set of challenges. So to all we wish a season of kindness and compassion for you and your loved ones. Our hope for you is a season filled with warmth, joy, and beauty in the small, everyday moments that make this time of year truly special.

Warm regards,

Julia Grabbt



DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, December 11: Band Concert @ 7pm**
- **Tuesday, December 12: Choir Concert @ 7pm**
- **Wednesday, December 13: Orchestra Concert @ 7pm**
- **December 18-January 1: WINTER BREAK**



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Happy Holidays!

PTSA UPDATE

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe it is already December and that the holiday season is upon us! We want to thank those parents who made financial contributions to the PTSA this fall. What do we use those funds for? This fall, we helped pay the entrance fee for WRHS students at the district games for volleyball and soccer and the boys' soccer state championship game in Boise. Activity cards can't be used for those games and by covering the cost, it encourages students to support their classmates at these important events. There was a huge student section watching WRHS take home the state soccer championship in October and we were thrilled to help make this happen! We also purchased baked goods from Don David's bakery for the staff during their teacher workday on November 17. PTSA funds allow us to support students and staff throughout the year. Please contact us if you want to donate!

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We will be reaching out to parents about donating raffle prizes for the staff holiday party in December. Please look for an email from us asking for donations. Last year we had some amazing raffle prizes and it made the holiday party extra special.

Here are some important PTSA events coming up after the new year to mark on your calendar:

- Tuesday, January 9—PTSA meeting with Principal Julia Grafft at 7 p.m. at WRHS
- Tuesday, January 16—PTSA meeting (Spanish translation) with Principal Julia Grafft at 7 p.m. at WRHS
- Thursday, February 1—PTSA sponsored dinner for WRHS staff during parent teacher conferences (sign up link to come out in January!)
- Saturday, February 10—WRHS Winter Formal. Parent chaperones will be needed (look for a sign-up link in late January).

Wishing you a happy holiday season and please don't hesitate to contact us via email at ptsa@blaineschools.org if you have any questions/comments/feedback for the PTSA.

Thank you!

Laura Gvozdias & Cecilia Vega

WOOD RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
WOLVERINES

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Trimester One Grades & Report Cards

We are working with PowerSchool to work out all the kinks to get our report cards sent out and will get those sent as soon as possible. We sincerely apologize for the delay in this. In the meantime, the Trimester 1 final grades can be seen in PowerSchool.

If your student has an NC, it means they went over their allowed six absences in that class (remember also that every six tardies = 1 absence). Students/guardians can appeal the NC by emailing an explanation to the Attendance Review Committee at wrhsattendancereviewcommittee@blaineschools.org.

WINTER SPORT SPOTLIGHT



GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Wolverines girls basketball team went into the Thanksgiving break with an 0-3 record but much optimism. We have a group of young women who have worked extremely hard to improve themselves and our program. Led by one senior, Bella Parke, they understand that turning this program around isn't a leisurely hike up Quigley but sometimes it's a sprint up Baldy; in the snow. In our loss to Burley before break we scored 40 points for the first time in over 4 years; that's a "win". We understand we have a long way to go and have bought into the idea of small victories and walking out of the gym with our shoulders back and our chin up.

Coached by: Kevin Stilling, Paul Zimmerman, Matt Nelson, Madison Bothwell, & Rory Cole

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BOYS BASKETBALL



It's with tremendous excitement that we anticipate the start of our Boys Basketball season this year! Our varsity team boasts a lineup predominantly composed of senior players who share a strong bond, both on and off the court. We're thrilled to welcome back Cooper Fife, last year's leading scorer, along with the addition of Jake Albright and Argon Stern to our coaching roster. Jake, a former standout player for the Wolverines, brings his expertise after concluding his high school journey in Arizona, while Argon Stern, a former national merit scholar and division 3 player at Grinnell College, enriches our coaching staff with his experience.

This season, we're dedicated to supporting these exceptional young men, fostering their growth and teamwork. Head coach Greg Edwards leads our JV team, a talented group brimming with potential. They exhibit remarkable athleticism and dedication, laying the foundation to transition to the varsity level in the upcoming years.

Our C-team, comprising 16 players, is under the guidance of Jason Waldman, a familiar face from last year's staff. Waldman's infectious energy

uplifts practices and games, resonating positively with our players, many of whom are relishing their first taste of competitive basketball. The commitment shown by these individuals in cultivating valuable habits, both on and off the court, is truly commendable.

Being at the helm of this program in my hometown fills me with immense pride. Offering guidance and unwavering support to everyone involved in our team's journey is a deeply rewarding experience. I eagerly await the challenges this season presents, eager to witness our collective and individual growth.

Here's to an incredible season ahead filled with camaraderie, growth, and success!

Coached by: Juan Martinez, Greg Edwards, Jason Waldman, Jake Albright, & Argon Stern

WINTER SPORT SPOTLIGHT

WRESTLING

Wrestling is the greatest sport and it is my privilege to coach such a talented young team here at Wood River. Wrestling develops character and persistence like no other sport. The practices are intense and physical. There is nothing like being in wrestling condition. Collegiate and international wrestlers have been dominant in Mixed Martial Arts because of their physical endurance and their technique.

Wrestling has a strong individual component. During competition it is just the lone wrestler representing his team with his teammates along the mat encouraging him. But even though the competition focuses on the individual, the team component is also strong. It's apparent in the wrestling room where "iron sharpens iron" as teammates compete for varsity spots. It is also reflected after competition where teammates share in the success of a victory or pick up their teammate after a loss.

Wood River has several leaders on the team. Oliver Veillet is our lone returning senior and is working to add to the successes of last season. The junior class has four returning wrestlers that continue to improve: Felipe Cruz, Bryan Tellez, Chris Perez, and Javier Terrazas. We also have a group of leaders in our sophomore class that have been wrestling since grade school. They are Garrett Larsen, Hadley Hodges, Will Adams, and Logan Green. We also have incoming freshmen Eduardo Cruz and Xander Bowton that bring several years of wrestling experience and a have a chance to shine this coming season.

We have two home matches on January 18 and January 25. We would love to fill the gym with Wolverines those nights!

Coached by: Derek Ruhter & Nate Adams

IHSAA Reminders for Winter Sports Season

ACCEPTABLE FAN BEHAVIOR

- Maintain enthusiasm & composure, serving as a role model.
- Participate positively in the event or contest by supporting players & coaches.
- Showing respect & concern for an injured player, no matter the team.
- Respect the decisions made by game officials.
- Respect fans, coaches and participants.
- Encourage surrounding fans to display sportsmanship.



UNACCEPTABLE FAN BEHAVIOR

- Chants directed at a single opposing player or coach by name or number.
- Disrespectful or derogatory chants, songs gestures directed at the opposing team.
- Use of profane, vulgar or abusive language or name calling.
- Heckling an official's decision, criticizing officials in any way or displays of temper with an official's call.
- Engaging an opposing fan or group of fans in a dispute or argument.
- Chants that antagonize opponents or their fans



OUR INCREDIBLE STUDENTS

Drama Send Four to State



The WRHS drama department competed at the District IV Drama competition on Saturday 11/18/2023 at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Four WRHS students - Elena Tamayo, Eva Hatzenbuehler, Scout Kendall, and Sophia McKnight - earned the chance to compete at state.

Rounding out the 2023 District Drama Team was Lydia McCauley, Hunter and Kennedy Ervin, Madi O'Very, Sheccid Chona, Andrea Pettinger, Diana Gomez Cibrian, Reese Herold, Anna Wiese, Charlie Blake, and Jaxon Lewis. It was a good year with many young future WRHS theatre practitioners getting much needed valuable experience competing for the first time.

The four state participants, Eva Hatzenbuehler (Original Serious), Sophia McKnight (Pantomime), Scout Kendall (Solo Humorous), and Senior Elena Tamayo (Solo Audition) represented Wood River High School. Eva and Sophia made it to the semi finals and were able to perform one extra round at the tournament.

A very special thanks to Cathy Reinheimer, Hannah Nye, Christine Leslie, Nancy Harakay and Melodie Mauldin for their coaching assistance.



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Debate Continues to Dominate

The WRHS Speech and Debate teams attended several tournaments this month. Speech and Debaters had an outstanding showing at the Canyon County Classic Tournament at Caldwell High School. Highlights include Dionise Guerra-Carrillo - 1st Place and Brett Poggi - 3rd Place in Extemporaneous Speaking Issy Rosselini 2nd place in Program of Oral Interpretation, and Elle Davis - Silver Medalist in Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate,

At the Rendezvous at Ridgeview Tournament at Nampa High School, the team had their best showing in recent history! Highlightes on the Speech side include Ellis Rogers - 1st place in Impromptu Speaking, Dionise Guerra-Carrillo - 2nd place in Extemporaneous Speaking, Kiara Quispe - 4th place in Panel Discussion, and Santi Rico - 4th place in Informative Speaking. Our Debate highlights include Franni Camilli - finalist silver award in Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate, Ellis Rogers - finalist silver award and Kiara Quispe - finalist sliver award in Varsity Congressional Debate.

Overall Team Awards included the following:

Speech: Sweepstakes Award of Distinction

Debate: Sweepstakes Award of Distinction

Overall Combined Speech and Debate: Sweepstakes Award of Distinction

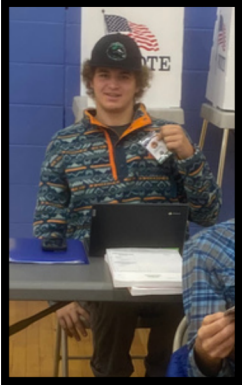
This was a huge tournament with 20 schools competing and a field of 263 total competitors and 314 individual event entries. GO WOLVERINES!!!



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AP Government Students Civic Participation

Twenty-seven WRHS AP Government students worked the polls in the November elections. While it helps fulfill an outside project to promote civic engagements, it also meets the community need for poll workers, which has been a challenge since the pandemic. Students from the class who were eligible got to vote for the very first time!



Counterclockwise starting from top left: Andrew Lago, Kiara Quispe, Annabel Jensen, Erick Marin, Ryan Bennett, Hayden Brown, Elliott Burks, Teddy Hobbs, Wyatt Vandiver, Piper Green w/ community worker Stehanie Hansen, and Aymane Allen-Hamnach.

Construction Students Building Bunk Beds for Community

When the Construction Academy teacher, Ian Blacker, was approached by the Blaine County Housing Association to build bunk beds for temporary housing, he and his students jumped at the chance to help our community. Students in our construction program, using materials that were all donated, are currently working on a prototype and enjoying the design process in tweaking plans found online and material estimating. One tweak is to include a ladder into the frame, forcing students to consider all the requirements for ladders, child safety, practicality, and budgets. Once the prototype is completed and approved, students plan to build 10-12 bunk beds for BCHA.



November's Wolverine Excellence Award Winners



We Take Care: Eliasar Torres

Eli is excellent at the work he does. I'm very thankful for him and his consistent upbeat attitude. He always has made time to help me find the right tools for the right job as I clean up all my art messes throughout my room and school.



We Improve: Gentrey Cabitto

I was torn on which WE to nominate Gentrey for. She also is worthy of the WE CARE since she often looks after her classmates and friends in a kind, nurturing way, whether it's encouraging a friend to do a re-test, helping them study, or providing them with food. Gentrey has also really improved on herself this year, both with her health, her attitude, and her willingness to take risks with a more challenging schedule. I admire her willingness to do hard work, ask questions, and not freak out if she's not perfect the first time around!



We Stay Curious: Koko Smith

She always asks questions when she doesn't understand. Koko has been really respectful to herself and especially to other students and I am glad I see that a lot on her. She always is respectful when the teacher is giving instructions and she is always on track on her work; you would never see her turn in an assignment late in a class. She always tries her best to finish something she started and just being on track. I like how she barely gets distracted and is where she is supposed to be as participating, asking questions and being really respectful.



We Earn Trust: Grace Adams

Grace is a lovely student who has earned the trust of her friends and many staff members. She always arrives on time and is ready to work. She is always respectful of those around her and tries to help out whenever she can. She is very perspective and can recognize when others need support. She is a born leader and will be successful in whatever she chooses to pursue in the future.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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

ART CLUB

Club Advisor: Tyler Sant

If you want to try new things, mess with colors, and have fun then Art club is perfect for you! We have made our first splash of color this school year with our window painting located in the cafeteria. That's not the only thing we are planning to do this school year. We would also like to make some greeting cards, decorate cookies, make charms, and so much more. All the money raised will be for trips we will be doing this school year. If you are interested in joining we meet Wednesdays during lunch in Mr. Sants art room!!!



ESPORTS CLUB

Club Advisor: Marcelita Loosli

The WRHS Esports Club unites a dedicated community of players, fostering competition, collaboration, and connection within the exhilarating realm of video games. We welcome gamers of all skill levels and interests. The games in which our club competes include: Valorant, Rocket League, APEX, Overwatch 2 and Super Smash Bros. Our club meets Tuesdays after school from 3:40pm - 5:00pm. We spend our time preparing for tournaments and competitions or casually playing games in a fun, supportive environment.



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YOUR WOLVERINE PRIDE!**

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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!**