



# WRHS Newsletter

January 2021

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year Wolverines!

We are now in the middle of January, yet our second quarter's end is upon us. With only two weeks left, it is important for students to stay engaged in classes and complete those summative assessments to earn grades and credit for all their work. Once again, students will be transitioning into four different classes, and Schoology remains the primary source of information on what your students are taking and how they are performing.

The BCSD Board of Trustees are meeting next Tuesday and will be discussing the calendar and student schedule for the rest of the 2020-21 school year. Minor changes have been proposed that impact Monday holidays and our A-L students more significantly this Spring, but our attention is on the schedule that determines if and when we will be able to reunite our students at WRHS and return to a regular school week. Any decision made will be communicated with you with specific dates for any transition to a new schedule.

Finally, next month will begin the pre-registration process for the 2021-22 school year. Counselors will be providing information to Advisory teachers and students so they can select classes for next year. Our WRHS Planning guide will be available in early February so you can see and discuss course options with your student.

-John Pearce



## WRHS Counselors Office

### 2021-2022 Registration

Quarter 2 ends January 29<sup>th</sup> and with the beginning of a new quarter and students will begin the registration process for the 2021-2022 school year. Look for registration information to be coming home during February. Please discuss and review your child's selections for next year and the years beyond.

Remember, the four-year plan is a planning guide for the years in high school based on students' post-secondary goals. We expect students to revise this every year as their goals and plans change. More information to come next month!

### Third Quarter Schedule Review

The 3rd quarter begins on February 2, 2021. Students will need to review their 3rd quarter schedule and request any changes prior to the end of the 2nd quarter. Students should reach out to their assigned counselor with any change requests by Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Any schedule change requests made after this date may result in a withdrawal fail on the student's transcript.

## PERSONAL PROJECT



All Sophomore Projects for Personal Project are due by February 25.

The Showcase will be virtual this year. Student project topics/posters will be posted to the [Personal Project website](#).



## WRHS College and Career

### Freshmen/Sophomores/Juniors



Every year, students ask about summer programs they can join to enhance their applications and use their summers well! Here are some opportunities that have come our way...this is NOT an exhaustive list and there are MANY additional programs out there! Some of these programs offer extensive financial aid, some are seeking students with specific interests, and some are still determining whether their programs will be offered virtually or in person. Take a look at the [Summer Opportunities List](#) and begin to contemplate your summer break options! The list will be updated as additional information comes our way.

### Seniors

It's local scholarship time! The scholarship season rolled out in senior advisory classes before the break in December. Take some time to review the dozens of scholarship opportunities available to our students and determine which ones might be the best fit for your situation (on the [WRHS College & Career Website](#))! You can find information about each of the scholarships, links to the Personal Information Form (serves as the application), essay requirements, student activity form, and how the process works. If you have questions, be sure to get in touch with Liz or Kristen for help...we'll be offering Friday morning Scholarship Work Sessions in the coming weeks (prior to the 2/24 submission deadline for most scholarships) - watch for those dates and times on the C&C website calendar and in the newsletter updates!



Remember to also check out the [Outside Scholarship List](#)...there are a number of great opportunities available to seniors there as well!



**What if there was no tomorrow?**

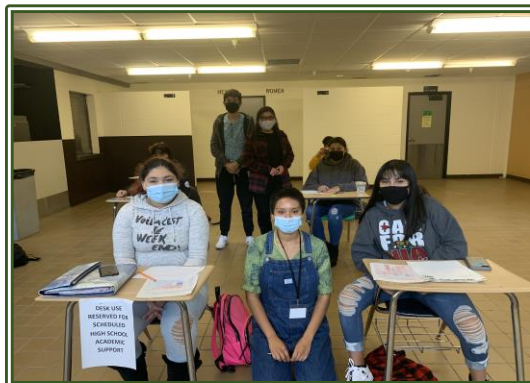
Get ready to celebrate Groundhog Day 2021

February 2, 2021



## Let Me Breathe

Reporter: Sebastien Boiron



At 10:30 AM, I walked to the Community Campus to interview Kim Aranda about the Nosotros United Helping Hands project.

Inside the building, visible from the main entrance are a few chairs and desks situated near the gym doors. Here, from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM, you will find middle school and high school students in need of a place to do homework and receive assistance, for free.

WRHS graduate, Kim Aranda, introduced herself as a Middlebury College student in Vermont. She took a break this semester to help non-profit organizations in the Wood River Valley. Another helper present was Aaliyah Rojas, co-president of Nosotros United. She explained that the other co-president of Nosotros United is Mia Castilla, who helped a great amount with the project too.

Aranda went on to explain what the kids and teens do daily. Nosotros United student volunteers greet the middle school students and help get them organized for the day. Students login to their online classes, check assignments, and make a priority list of work to be completed. The high school volunteers then assist with one-on-one tutoring.

They do not only work on schoolwork however; in between, is time for social activities. Some of these activities are sports and games played in the gym, mindfulness practice, and art. Aranda emphasized that she is trying to bring more art into their schedule. They have done watercolors and henna. Today, they were going to practice sewing. At 11:15, a free lunch is served.





## Let Me Breathe

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Helping Hands started when the pandemic hit and club members saw an urgent need in their community for a safe, structured environment where kids could work on their “at-home” school days. At first, it only received 4 to 5 students per day. Aranda spread the word that a Monday through Thursday helping session was available, and later on they were able to achieve a daily attendance of 10 to 12 students per day.

Nosotros United’s mission is to “blend cultures and promote ambitious dreams for *all*.” Aranda seems to have created a great working space for that purpose. Anyone in need in the grades 6-12 across the valley are welcome.

Sadly, Aranda will be returning to school at the end of January, so the program will wrap up January 28th. Any students who would like to participate before then are encouraged to show up at the Community Campus main entrance, Monday through Thursday. Aranda will be there at 10:30 to welcome students. You can also contact the club’s advisor, Michel Sewell, to sign up or get more information: [msewell@blaineschools.org](mailto:msewell@blaineschools.org).

*Special thanks to WRHS Nosotros United volunteers who have helped make this project a success: Yulisa Carrillo, Diego Contreras, Maria Gonzales Fernandez, Melanie Gonzalez, Naomi Grimaldo, Dionise Guerra, Adan Hernandez, Bryan Hernandez, Quincy McGraw, Janett Patlan, Bella Sandefer, Anahi Gil Salinas, Abby Servin, Jazmin Santacruz, Tatum Vontver, Kaia Wolfrom, and Mylee Yancan*

## Key Club



Key Club members worked diligently in November and December to create, gather, and donate over 500 cards to the Senior Connection Center so that they could be distributed to homebound seniors in our community. They also made some cherry holiday pens and vases to hand out as well.

Pictured: Abby Servin Co-President and Jasmine Santacruz Social Media Specialist



The registration meeting for the **FINAL SESSION OF DRIVER'S ED OF THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR** will be on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:40 pm in the Cafeteria at WRHS.

**We are only taking 21 students per class this year--priority will be given to oldest students first. We will have a waitlist each session, which will be open to the first students who meet the registration requirements. If you intend to take Driver's Ed through the school district THIS IS THE LAST SESSION of the school year, we no longer do a summer session.** If you are interested in Driver's Ed through the School District please follow this link: <https://www.blaineschools.org/domain/1064> On the left hand side of the page are links to individual sessions. Go to the session that you would like to take and check the dates, if they fit in your schedule scroll down and click on the link that says, '*Put name on list.*' Fill out that form and then come to the registration meeting. If you do not put your name on the list AND come to the Registration Meeting, you will NOT be in the class.

Contact Mr. Liji Waite if you have any questions: [lijjwaite@blaineschools.org](mailto:lijjwaite@blaineschools.org) 208-578-5020 ext. 2216

## ATHLETICS

Always check [www.wrhwolverines.org](http://www.wrhwolverines.org) for day of game changes



# Student & Family Connections



## Happy New Year!

*The Counseling office is so glad to see students returning!*

The school schedule has not changed:

Students, A-L attend in person Mondays and Wednesdays

Students M-Z attend in person Tuesdays and Thursdays

All students are participating in on-line learning on Fridays and on the days they are not in person at school

## School Meals:

Every student can pick up a free breakfast and lunch at every school from now until the end of the school year - they do not need any identification or sign in to pick up meals- there are also snacks in the guidance office!

## Bus Schedules:

There are changes to bus schedules throughout the school year-

Your student's bus driver will give a note to your student to give to you if there is going to be a change on your student's bus route. Please check with your student frequently to see if they have been given a note or ask your student to give you a note if their bus drivers gives them one. You can also check online at [Blaineschools.org](http://Blaineschools.org); Go to the Departments tab; Click on Transportation; on the left hand side click on your student's school: or click on one of the following links: [Alturas Bus Route](#), [Bellevue Routes](#), [Carey Routes](#), [Hailey Routes](#), [Hemingway Routes](#)

## COVID - 19

Vaccines have arrived in the valley; however, it will be three to four months for them to be distributed community wide. At this time, all schools are protecting students and staff from the COVID virus.

- Custodians are cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched areas daily
- (PreventX), an antimicrobial, is applied every 30 to 90 days. This prevents viruses from sticking to surfaces.
- Wall sanitizing dispensers are placed throughout the buildings for students and staff to use and everyone is encouraged to wash their hands frequently

If a student comes to school with symptoms of COVID, there is a nursing plan in place to care for the student and protect other students. If a student or staff is diagnosed with or has been exposed to COVID there is a nursing plan in place to contact all families who may have been in contact with that person and the nurse will guide them on what to do next. If you have any questions contact the district office at 208-578-5000 and they can get you in contact with your student's school nurse

## Academic Tutoring Support

Contact Julie Carney, WRHS Social Worker, for information on how to connect your student(s) with a scholarship to access individual and/or group tutoring - [jcarney@blaineschools.org](mailto:jcarney@blaineschools.org) or 208-578-5027



## IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY

**Monday, January 4**

School Resumes

**Monday, January 11- Thursday, January 14**

STAR Testing- All 9<sup>TH</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders

**Monday, January 18**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day- NO SCHOOL

**Friday, January 29**

Last Day of Quarter 2

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- Monday, February 1- Quarter 3 Begins
- Monday, February 18- President's Day- NO SCHOOL