

WRHS NEWLETTER

2023-2024



WRHS NEWS NOVEMBER 2023

GRATITUDE

As we conclude our first trimester of the 2023-2024 school year and look forward to the approaching holiday season, I am filled with gratitude to be part of Wood River High School.

From remarkable achievements in state competitions, early decision college applications, and CollegeBoard awards to the simple but profound act of persevering through challenges, our students consistently astound and inspire me. I can't believe I have the privilege to be part of their lives.

Our dedicated staff members also inspire me. They go above and beyond to ensure that education is not just about delivering content. In this digital age, they navigate the sea of distractions and instant gratification to make learning meaningful and relevant amidst the many real-world challenges our students face. I am thankful for the privilege of working with them as well.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to extend our warmest wishes to all.

Warm regards,

Julia Grafft



NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 10: Family Game Night @ WRHS**
- **November 13-16: FINALS WEEK**
See Finals Schedule on next page!
- **Tuesday, November 14: PERSONAL PROJECT SHOWCASE from 6-8pm**
Come see the Personal Projects of our first trimester students. This is a great opportunity for other students who need to complete Personal Project to get inspired!
- **November 14-16: DRAMA DISTRICT SHOWCASE @ 5:30pm**
- **Friday, November 17: TEACHER WORKDAY - No Students**
- **Nov 20-24: THANKSGIVING BREAK**
- **Monday, November 27**
SECOND TRIMESTER BEGINS

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Happy Thanksgiving!

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Samantha Johnson's Substitute

Vice Principal Samantha Johnson, who works with students with last names A-L, will be out on maternity leave starting in November and going through part of February. We are thrilled to have our Social Studies teacher, Kevin Case, step in during her absence. Kevin's previous experience as an administrator at his former school district will serve WRHS staff and students well. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns!



Wednesday

1	8:25	9:50
2	9:54	10:34
3	10:38	11:18
Lunch	11:18	11:58
4	12:02	12:42
5	12:46	1:26

Thursday

2	8:25	9:50
Adv	9:55	10:30
3	10:35	12:00
Lunch	12:00	12:35
4	12:40	2:05
5	2:15	3:40

END OF FIRST TRIMESTER

Though many of our courses have more performance-based finals, the WRHS finals schedule will take place on November 15 and 16. We highly encourage students to complete their finals in the allotted time, and any missed finals can be made up when students return. Students will not have school on Friday so teachers have an opportunity to wrap up the grading for Trimester 1 and prepare for Trimester 2.

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IMPORTANT UPDATES

Personal Project Showcase

On November 14, from 6-8pm. trimester one students will be displaying their Personal Projects in the WRHS Commons and gymnasium. This is an excellent opportunity for the community and future Personal Project students to see what our students completed.



the wood river high school drama department

district iv drama showcase

Wed 11/14 through thurs 11/16 @ 5:30pm

the wood river high school performing arts theater in the hailey
community campus

donations to help pay for districts appreciated

Drama District Showcase

All are invited and encouraged to attend our District IV Drama Showcase in the Performing Arts Theater November 14-16 @ 5:30pm. See our students' performances they have prepared for the District competition.



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OUR INCREDIBLE STUDENTS

SKY TEAM Launches

SKY TEAM launched an HAB (high-altitude balloon) on Halloween. WRHS students were invited to come down and put messages on the radar tags before launch. The balloon, based on forecasts, is expected to land south of American Falls. Students who are part of the SKY TEAM will be tracking the balloon with GPS and hope to recover it and download the data it collected in its flight.

Tim Rierden led this effort on behalf of students and was aided by WRHS's construction teacher, Ian Blacker, who provided the support in creating the platform for the instruments the balloon was carrying, and science teacher, Alex LaChance, in getting the accurate measurements and weights. Airport staff, Tim Burke and Heith Felps were also very helpful in invited students to tour the airport and control tower.



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OUR INCREDIBLE STUDENTS

Boys Soccer WINS State!

The excitement was palpable as our boys' soccer team, having already proven their mettle in a nail-biting semi-final, faced the Sandpoint Bulldogs in the 4A state soccer championship. The road to the finals had been far from easy, with an intense best-of-five penalty kick shootout against Bishop Kelly in a 0-0 game with two overtimes. But on Saturday, October 21, at Middleton High School, our team displayed unwavering determination, emerging as the champions with a score of 3-1.



From the first whistle, it was clear that our boys were in it to win it. They dominated the game, putting their hearts and souls into every play. Their 15 shots on goal compared to Sandpoint Bulldogs' six painted a vivid picture of their relentless offensive pressure. Jack Tierney broke the ice with a stellar strike, and Conrad Foster - our formidable team captain - put us ahead by one with a remarkable header off a corner kick. The final nail in the coffin was hammered by Brandon Marroquin with a goal just four minutes from the final whistle.

This victory wasn't just about skill and strategy; it was also a testament to the incredible leadership of the coaching staff and players. The Wolverines, led by first year Head Coach Greg Gvozdaz. Gvozdaz along with Matt Phillips and Dylan Carey, instilled a strong team culture focused on unity and contributions from all 28 rostered players. Conrad Foster, the team captain, led by example, embodying the principles of hard work and intense energy. His teammates dubbed him "the soul of the team," a testament to the inspiration and motivation he provided throughout the season.

Congratulations to our boys' soccer team for their well-deserved championship win!



Above: Students celebrate with team right after game. Below: Team picture at home

Right: Conrad Foster and Brandon Marroquin lead the team through the new celebratory "Wolverine Walk" during Advisory.



OUR INCREDIBLE STUDENTS

Wood River Mountain Bike Team Places Second at State!

The Wood River Mountain Bike Team participated in the Idaho Interscholastic Cycling Association State Championship races at Bogus Basin on October 6, 2023. The race course was tough with a 900' climb to start each lap and another kicker of 200' prior to the long, fast, decent back to the main lodge. The WR MTB Team raced well, but Boise proved to be our challenge and we placed second to the Brave. There were 27 teams with two divisions and about 1,100 riders participated over the weekend. WR had 84-riders race with 14 podium finishes.

- Edyn Teigte placed first in freshman
- Kai VanBueren placed first in JV2 with Caleo Morrison taking second place
- Ronan O'Reilly paced 7th with Cyrus Pott taking 8th and Wattie Johnson in 12th
- Hudson Emery took 5th in JV1
- Oliver Smith crushed it with a 3rd place finish in his last race as a varsity rider.
- Zoe Liberatore placed 4th in female freshman
- Alyssa Huntsman placed 4th in JV2
- Ripley Scales cranked out a 7th pace of 29 riders.
- Girls varsity was a tough race with Mazzy Conners taking 13th, Ruby Smith 14th, and Fleur Brazil in 15th place. Ella Shaughnessy was in perfect position on her second lap, but flatted and had to run a mile for neutral support to fix her flat. She powered out the final lap, all alone.



Left: Oliver Smith on his way to a 3rd place finish. Below: Wyatt Crego takes on the trail.



Wood River Mountain Bike Team of 2023 takes 2nd place!

Team placement for Division 1: 1 - Boise Brave Mountain Bike Team; 2 - Wood River High School; 3 - Teton Valley Composite; 4 - Highland High School; 5 - Jackson Hole Composite; 6 - McCall Area Composite Mountain Bike Team; 7 - Timberline High School; Canyon County Composite Cycling; 9 - Centennial High School; 10 - Eagle High School

Thanks to all our riders for their dedication and grit during a tough season of training and racing.

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Swimming WINS Districts!

Wood River swimming dominated the district meet in Twin Falls on Oct. 25, with the girls winning the championship, securing state qualifiers in multiple events and five first place finishes (Isabella Tognoni in 200 IM and 100 Breaststroke; Riley Rundell in 100 Backstroke; & the 200 Medley Relay and 400 Free Relay). Our

boys placed seventh with one state qualifier (Porter Thompson placed 2nd in 500 Free). Potential state qualifers in the Wildcard include Cooper Evans and the girls' 200 Free Relay team - Scarlet Pringle, Lucy Matthews, Lillian Cook and Rya Nichols. The state competition will take place on Nov. 3-4 at the West Valley YMCA in Boise. Coach Kaedi Fry also acknowledged notable performances by Asher Knowles and Emmett Stouffer.

XC Country Season Report

Girls: The girls team did not have much of a chance as a group to compete with the conference. But we did have two girls who had a chance to place in the Top 16 that qualify for State Competition. However, yesterday they did not qualify but the effort was certainly noticed.

Hannah McLaren (Sophomore) got 19th place and Mabel Thompson (Sophomore) for 21st place. There is a bright future for these two girls and the rest of the team because there are no Seniors and all of them are looking forward to competing next year. They are still young and have made great improvement over the course of the season: Rebecca Atienza (Junior), Scout Kendall (Sophomore), Ellie Siegel (Freshman), Lucy Jacoby (Freshman)

The two freshmen in particular are not that far behind Hannah McLaren and Mabel Thompson so they could bring a little game next year.

Boys: The boys team really put a scare on a couple of teams in our district because WR was very competitive and almost stole a Team Qualifier to State competition. Emmett Stouffer (the only Senior) has been the mainstay, but Matt Wilde (Junior) and McCallen Campbell (Sophomore) both had opportunities to show the competitive nature. Ronan O'Reilly (Junior) also was a strong #4 runner that improved WR scoring. In the end, McCallen Campbell's season ended early with a medical issue and WR never found a strong #5 runner to fill in the gaps. But with only one Senior graduating ... the rest of the crew has a desire to pick up the slack.

Despite the team not qualifying ... WR did have TWO individual competitors that qualified for state. The Top 17 qualified for State Competition as individuals: Emmett Stouffer (Senior) was 11th and Matt Wilde (Junior) was 13th. Other members include Ronan O'Reilly (Junior), Levi Renner (Sophomore), Asher Stouffer (Freshman), James Sandefur (Junior), and Kahrs Bemis (Sophomore). All the boys improved greatly. Honorable Mention to Liam Jensen (Sophomore), McCallen Campbell (Sophomore) and Giovanni Smithmason (Senior) who competed in a few races but did not finish the season.



October's Wolverine Excellence Award Winners



We Take Care: Jamie Ellison

Jamie takes care of our school and our students every day. Jamie picks up litter around campus and forges meaningful relationships with students. Thank you Jamie for your dedication to Wolverine Excellence.



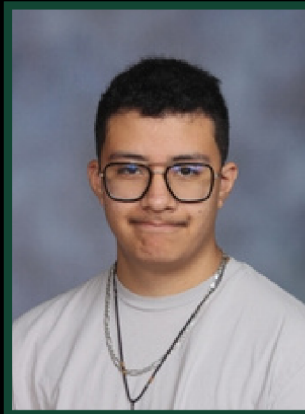
We Improve: Olivia Lange

Olivia always comes to class prepared to learn, gets her work done on time and is respectful to her teacher and classmates. She is able to get to work immediately and if she is not sure of the assignment, will ask clarifying questions.



We Stay Curious: Landon Baird

Landon utilizes his Chromebook as a tool for school and does not use it as a distraction from his school work. Landon engages with peers who may be off by themselves. He always supports his peers and lends a hand if needed. He also is willing to support his teachers and always does what is asked of him.



We Earn Trust: Carlos Andrade- Torres

Carlos has had amazing attendance and dedication towards school this year. He is actively participating and showing up to school. I have never seen such a change in one short year. Couldn't be more proud of his dedication towards his grades. A true pleasure to have in class.

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Your patience in this transition has been greatly appreciated!

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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

SPACE CLUB

Club Advisor: Chris Cey

The main goal of Space Club is to get students outside seeing stars, constellations, the Moon, nebulas and galaxies. We meet the first Friday of every month to set the schedule for the month. Going outside and seeing the stars is very dependent upon weather so the plan may change. The goal is to view the night sky two times every month. The nights will be chosen intentionally to allow us to see different phases of the Moon. We use a powerful telescope to see distant objects and a special pointer to identify the constellations. The club will meet November through March. If you are interested go by C205 (Mr. Cey) and sign up.



INVESTMENT CLUB

Club Advisor: James Foster

Whether you're looking to safeguard your future with long-term investments, learn about the intricacies of the stock market, or try your hand at day trading, Investment Club has something to offer anyone who is conscious about their financial decisions. Investment Club meets weekly to discuss changes in the stock market, companies with high potential, and current real-world events that are affecting the financial world. We also hold a stock market simulator contest, where club members can gain experience making trades in the stock market without the risk of losing real money. This helps members learn about trading strategies, as well as how different market operations such as limits, shorting, options, and more can be used to gain an edge over the market.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

FRENCH CLUB

Club Advisor: Aara Zweifel

In French Club, we explore and celebrate the many French-speaking cultures around the world through food, film, music, fashion, and language.

All levels of French are welcome; our members have 0 to 7 years of experience.

Those who know French help those who don't to learn some conversational basics and more about the French-speaking world.



Food takes a central role, of course! We have a number of bakers and chefs in the club this year, so we'll be enjoying crepes, eclairs, croque-monsieurs, and croque-madames (grilled cheese and ham w/ or w/o a fried egg), macaroons, chocolate mousse, quiches, poutine (Quebecois dish of fries with cheese curds and gravy), madeleines, and more crepes, both savory and sweet. We're also planning on having two blind taste-tests: 1. French cheeses and 2. chocolates of Europe.

We'll watch a French cooking show. We'll also watch a French language movie and series, and we're going to put together a playlist of our favorite French language music.

We're going to have some "Dress French" days, and explore the French fashion scene.

Finally, we will play French boardgames, and we might even learn a traditional folk dance!

President - Rominna Herrera

Vice-president and treasurer - Vera Lucia Gonzales

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

DRAMA CLUB

Club Advisor: Karl Nordstrom

The Wood River High School Drama Department is excited to introduce the 2023 District IV Drama Team. Coming off a top ten finish at state in 2022 (out of 60+ teams), the Wood River thespians and techies are excited to compete against the always tough District IV that includes schools as large as 5A all the way down to 1A.

Students competing this year include Lydia McCauley, Hunter and Kennedy Ervin, Madi O'Very, Sheccid Chona, Andrea Pettinger, Scout Kendall, Elena Tamayo, Eva Hatzenbuehler, Diana Gomez Cibrian, Reese Herold, Anna Wiese, Eddie Montes, Lyksi Arand, Sophia McKnight, Charlie Blake, and Jaxon Lewis. They will be competing with 20 acting and 2 tech events.

Please consider attending our community District Drama Showcases to see and support these theatre students. Dates are November 14, 15, and 16 at 5:30pm at the Wood River High School Performing Arts Theatre and will prepare these students

District IV Drama is November 18 on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.



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.

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WRHS Open House on August 28!**