



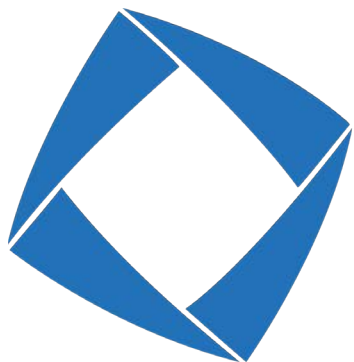
Junior Blues News



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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.

Produced by: WRHS Business Communications
Sponsor: Brian McFall

From the Desk of Our Principal



Greetings!

I'm sure that many of you will join me in wondering where the academic year has gone. It seems like only yesterday that we were starting school. Our students have accomplished some fantastic things so far this year. We are the City Champs in Boys' Swim and Dive, Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Cross Country, and Girls' Golf; we are the Centennial League Champions in Boys' Soccer, Girls' Bowling, Boys' Bowling, Girls' Wrestling, Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Cross Country, and Volleyball; we are Regional or Sub-State Champions in Boys' Soccer, Girls' Tennis, Volleyball, and Girls' Wrestling; we are the State Champions in Volleyball, 4-Speaker Debate, and Girls' Wrestling. Kevin Bordewick was named Centennial League Volleyball Coach of the 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. In addition, we have 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. I have every confidence that we will finish the school year as strongly as it has unfolded. In keeping with that belief, I would again like to share some information with you that will assist in helping your child bring a successful conclusion to their academic year.

If your child is experiencing problems in any of their classes, our counselors are more than willing to provide assistance. A multitude of services exist at WRHS that the counselors can help coordinate with you and your child. If individual attention from the teacher and other interventions prove ineffective in solving your challenges, your child may be referred for further intervention through our Student Intervention Team (SIT). The SIT is a group of trained educational professionals, and you, of course, who will conduct a comprehensive analysis of your child's academic progress and habits. After the evaluation is complete, intervention may be recommended to address academic performance issues. Fortunately, most problems can be effectively resolved through this process. For those that aren't, our counselors will be happy to discuss more aggressive options with you. For your convenience, I have listed them below.

- Leslie Fischer** (339-4117): Responsible for students whose last names are A-D
- Keith Wetzal** (339-4116): Responsible for students whose last names are E-J
- Stephanie Berkhalter** (339-4103): Responsible for students whose last names are K-O
- Michelle Pegram-Caporusso** (339-4911): Responsible for students whose last names are P-T
- Marie Coates** (339-4118): Student Services
- Marcie Frederickson** (339-4115): Responsible for students whose last names are U-Z
- Jason Parker** (339-4119): Responsible for students in B-3 Alternative Education

Also on the horizon are a couple of school events that I want to bring your attention to.

One of the most anticipated evenings of the entire year is fast approaching for our juniors and seniors and their guests! Prom will be held in the Sunflower Ballroom at the Hotel Topeka at City Center on Saturday, April 1 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. After prom activities, which are sponsored by the WRHS PTO Blues Backers, are currently scheduled to begin at 11:30 p.m. at WRHS. This is a very special time for our school and I hope you will join me in encouraging your students to make good decisions for themselves.

Graduation will occur at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at the Stormont Vail Events Center. The last day for seniors will be Monday, May 15. Seniors who have not otherwise met graduation requirements **will be required** to attend through the end of the year.

As always, if you have questions about any of these items, please feel free to call me.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Raines". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ed" and last name "Raines" clearly legible.

Ed Raines, Principal
rainedw@usd437.net

◆ WRHS Counseling Office

[Counseling Website](#)

Twitter Updates: [@wrhsgo](#)

Crisis Hotline: 785-232-5005 or 988

[Counseling Department Staff](#)



Pre-enrollment

Students completed pre-enrollment from January 10 until February 28. Students watched [pre-enrollment videos](#) in their advisory and met with counselors in the auditorium during English (juniors: Jan 26, sophomores: February 2, freshmen: February 9). Students were given information about graduation requirements, the importance of taking rigorous courses, the Kansas Scholars Curriculum, program opportunities, and specific details about choosing courses. Students selected 7 fall and 7 spring courses. This information will be used to determine how many sections of each course are needed. As families continue to discuss course planning, please contact your school counselor with questions. Schedules will be released in July and students can make adjustments during registration at the end of the summer.

Junior Planning Letter

Juniors and their families were sent the [Spring Junior Planning Letter](#) in February. We encourage families to spend time reviewing the information and resources.

College Visits

WRHS hosts many [college visits](#) throughout the school year. As summer approaches, 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>.

College Honors Programs

Many colleges offer honors programs. Every honors program is designed differently but can usually be characterized by smaller classes, mentorship, research opportunities, honors housing, honors designation on diplomas, and more. Many honors programs have application processes separate from the general admissions process. We encourage students to research whether an honors program would be a good fit! Check out some regional options [HERE](#).

State Sponsored ACT

More than 300 juniors took the ACT on February 28 at WRHS. Students who would like to retake the test should register at www.act.org. While most colleges are not using the ACT for admission, many are still using it for scholarship consideration.

Scholarships

Need money for college? Many scholarships with March deadlines are available on the [WRHS Counseling Website](#). To access the scholarships, visit our website and click the scholarship tab. The list provides access to applications as well as information on eligibility requirements and deadlines. Students can also search Naviance for scholarship opportunities.

Senior Transcript Requests

Transcripts including grades from the Fall 2022 semester are available via Parchment e-transcript services. Go to www.parchment.com to send your requests.

Time Management Tools for High School Students

This article explores 8 ways for teens to take control of their time:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/inside-the-classroom/8-ways-to-take-control-of-your-time>

Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ

what to expect when you call

The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (Lifeline) is a national network of local crisis centers. This document will help you navigate your first time calling Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ (KSPHQ) which is part of the Lifeline. KSPHQ answers the hotline for all 105 counties in Kansas. If KSPHQ counselors are unable to answer due to high call volume, calls are routed to the next nearest call center.

Who Can Call?

The Lifeline is a resource for anyone who is looking for emotional support. This includes all ages, gender identities, sexual orientation, race & ethnicity, religion, socio-economic status, etc. You do not have to be suicidal to call the Lifeline.

Who Will I Talk To?

The counselors at KSPHQ are highly trained in evidence-informed counseling for suicide risk and other mental health concerns. Many counselors who answer the hotline have their own experiences related to mental health or suicide and genuinely want to support those who are struggling.

When Can I Call?

You can call the NSPL for any reason at any time. Help is available 24/7 & 365 days a year. Counselors talk to people who need to vent, had a bad day, need emotional support, are worried about a loved one, or who may be thinking about suicide.

How Does It Help Me?

Counselors on the Lifeline are not advised to tell callers what they should or should not do about any specific situation. The role of crisis counselors is to provide unbiased, compassionate support for callers. In emergency situations, or when talking with youth, counselors may make suggestions for safety.

Is It Free & Confidential?

Yes. The hotline services are free and confidential - you can share as much or as little information as you wish. In some cases, when it comes to immediate safety or imminent danger, the counselor may need to break confidentiality in order to connect emergency services to a person who is at risk.



Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ

→ **785-841-2345**

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

→ **9-8-8**₃



Washburn Rural High School

Care Closet

Reach out to your counselor if you need help with any of the following:



Coats, Shoes, or Formal Outfits



Personal Hygiene Products like deodorant or feminine products



Food supplies



Costs for Exams like PSAT or ACT



Free & Reduced Lunch forms



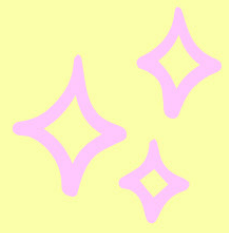
Any other hardship that you might need support.

Contact Your Counselor:



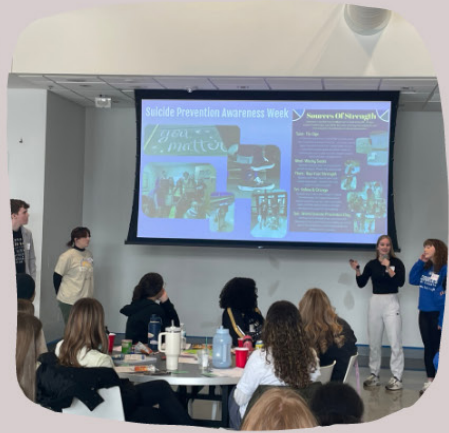


Sources Of Strength Updates



SOURCES OF STRENGTH ROUNDTABLE EVENT

100+ teens from 9 high schools participated in a Sources of Strength KC Roundtable event in Overland Park, KS. Students shared how they collaboratively build positive connections and discussed ways they promote mental health awareness at their schools. Our peer leaders presented what projects they worked on this year and got other great ideas from other peer leaders! Just like last year they got boba after, but something new is Sugar made a friend, Max!



GET CONNECTED MURAL AND CAMPAIGN

The purpose of the Connect Campaign is to use positive social norming to break down codes of silence while increasing the acceptability of seeking help for one's self and for others. Our peer leaders made an amazing Get Connected bulletin board with the Sources Wheel at the center. Additionally, there are clouds with QR codes to mental health resources like 988, 7 Cups, Help Right Now, and A Friend Asks App.



◆ International Baccalaureate

Regional Scholarships For IB Diploma Candidates

There are so many opportunities for our International Baccalaureate diploma candidates to earn scholarships. In addition to earning college credit at any Kansas Board of Regents university with a score of 4 or better in an IB course, our students can look forward to earning scholarships just for being in the program. Here are some of the regional scholarships available to IB diploma candidates:

Washburn University: New \$1000 IB Scholarship:

<https://www.washburn.edu/admissions/paying-for-college/scholarship.html>

Kansas State University: Automatic \$1000 for IB students:

<https://www.k-state.edu/sfa/scholarships-aid/scholarships/future-students/additional-opportunities/freshman/>

University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Automatic \$60,000 scholarship for IB students:

http://paxonguidance.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/9/9/13992046/unl-ib_scholarships_and_credit.pdf

University of Tulsa: Automatic \$12,000 for IB students:

<https://utulsa.edu/admission/international-baccalaureate-students/>

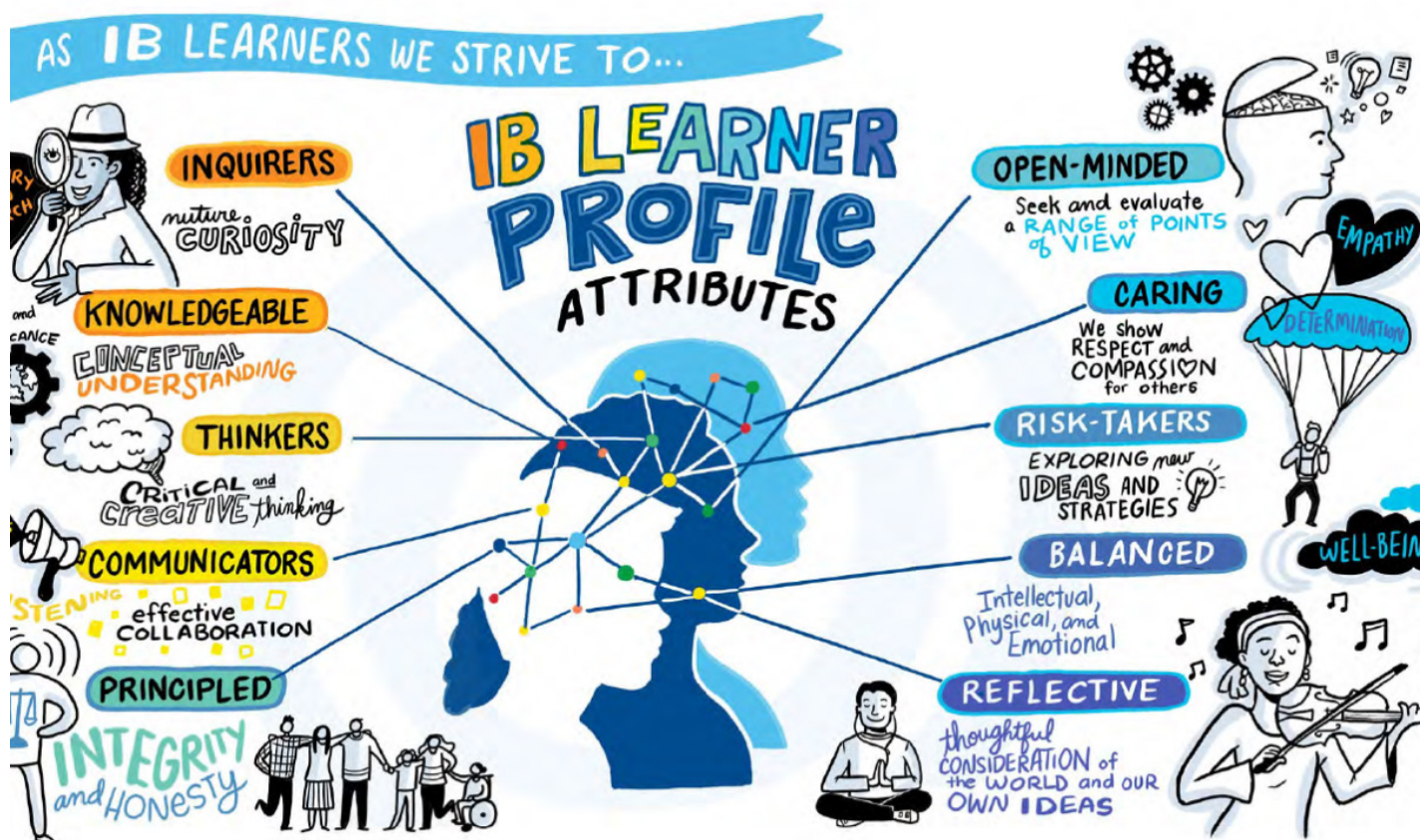
Wichita State University: IB Brochure that discusses opportunities for IB students at WSU:

<https://issuu.com/wichitastateuniversity/docs/ib>

Drury University: Automatic \$60,000 scholarship for IB students:

<https://www.drury.edu/admission/international-baccalaureate-students/>

For more information on our diploma program, please visit the [WRHS IB website](#).



◆ Girls Wrestling

On Saturday, January 28th Addi Broxterman set the all-time Kansas state record for most pins in a career (120) and most career victories (127). She is now officially Kansas' winningest wrestler of all time. Considering the exponential rate at which women's wrestling is growing, and considering that Addi still has the opportunity to tack on 13 more victories before the season's end, this is very likely a record that will still be standing when Addi's granddaughter enrolls at Washburn Rural. Additionally, Addi has the potential to break up to four more state records by the end of this season. Most impressively, she has accomplished all of these feats while maintaining a 4.138 cumulative career GPA.

Addi also took home Most Outstanding Wrestler honors, as selected by the head coaches of the 39 schools in attendance.



The WRHS Wrestling team set a Kansas state record for state placers (9) and finished as team state champions, which was their 3rd state title in the past 4 years. (1st, 1st, 2nd, 1st). Full results below:

Molly Spader (36-7) placed 5th and scored 15.0 team points.
Kristen Rezac (36-6) placed 3rd and scored 20.0 team points.
Maddy Blow (29-14) place is unknown and scored 5.0 team points.
Annie Gallegos (36-14) placed 4th and scored 16.0 team points.
Laiken Clark (39-9) placed 5th and scored 17.0 team points.
Alexis Fredrickson (38-12) placed 6th and scored 13.0 team points.
Madison Davison (26-14) placed 4th and scored 18.0 team points.
Ashley Schwarz (32-12) placed 4th and scored 14.0 team points.
Sophia Ross (28-11) placed 5th and scored 13.0 team points.

Addi Broxterman (45-4) placed 3rd and scored 22.0 team points.
Addi finished her season with a 45-4 record, placing 3rd at the state tournament. The highlight of the season (and Addi's career) was in the 3rd place match at the state tournament. Facing a 3rd period deficit, she pinned her opponent, which secured a team state championship for Washburn Rural. She finished her career with an all-time record of 143-25.

◆ Career and Technical Education

February is CTE Month®



To celebrate CTE Month at WRHS, April Henry, Director of Workforce Development with the Kansas Board of Regents, expanded our teachers' and counselors' knowledge of Excel in CTE.

Established in 2012 through Senate Bill 155, Excel in CTE, provides a plan to enhance career technical education in Kansas and better prepare high school students for college and careers. Kansas high school students qualify for **state-funded college tuition** in approved technical courses offered by Kansas technical and community colleges.



Students can take advantage of Excel in CTE by attending Washburn Tech during their school day. Browse the [Find Your Program](#) page and contact your counselor for more information on enrolling. Approved online courses also qualify for state-funded tuition. For a list of online courses follow the link [Kansas Board of Regents website](#).

Whether a student plans to pursue a one, two, or four year degree *or* to enter the workforce after high school graduation, Excel in CTE provides hands-on learning and real world experiences so they are prepared for success after graduation. Visit the CTE website to learn more about the fifteen pathways offered at Washburn Rural [CTE@WRHS](#).

Pathway News Construction & Design

WRHS GARDEN SHED



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

Property Features:

- 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

Price:
\$3400

Delivery:
\$400
plus \$1 per mile
Shawnee County

To purchase or questions contact:
Teresa Golden goldeter@usd437.net



Students in Mr. Grose's Residential Carpentry II class toured Custom Wood Products in St. Marys, KS. They learned about cabinet design, production equipment, automation, and industry safety standards. They were impressed by the thought and skill that go into constructing high quality cabinetry.

If your spring plans include having a place to keep your lawn care equipment, please consider purchasing this garden shed built by WRHS students in the Construction & Design Pathway. *or* more information contact Teresa Golden at goldeter@usd437.net

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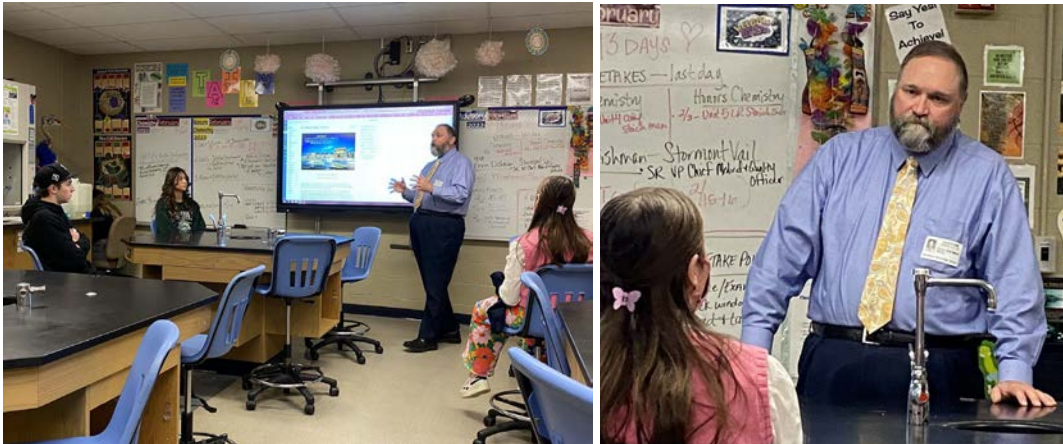
Restaurant & Event Management

Students in Ms. Dible's Culinary classes were treated to lunch at the newly rebranded Weather Room restaurant and a tour of the kitchen and event space at the Cyrus Hotel. Rob Bergquist, General Manager; Kelly Mitchell, Assistant Manager and Food & Beverage Director; and Kelsey Savage, Director of Sales, provided students with a wealth of information about careers in the hospitality industry.



Film students Evan Davidson and Lizzie Meier will include footage of the tour in the video they are creating to promote the Pathways offered in Career Technical Education at WRHS. The video will be revealed at the student-led CTE Showcase on March 22 and then featured on the [CTE website](#).

Health & Bio Sciences



HOSA is the student club that promotes career opportunities in the healthcare industry. On February 2, Kevin Dishman, Senior Vice President & Chief Medical & Quality Officer at Stormont Vail Health, spoke to WRHS HOSA members about careers in health care, his career pathway, and their areas of interest.

K-ACTE Legislative Day

On Monday, February 20, the 2023 CTE Showcase was held at the State Capital building. Mr. McFall, Mrs. Sommers and several business students representing Common Grounds, The Shack, WRHS Bank and NTHS were on hand to talk to state representatives about our programs. The students were also able to visit with other booths representing schools and their programs from across the state.



Senator Brenda Dietrich, Dylan Dodge, Hayden Keller and Madeline Carter

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COMPUTER SCIENCE
HONOR SOCIETY PRESENTS

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BINARY BINGO NIGHT

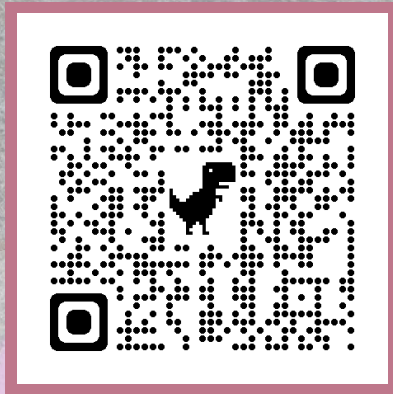
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WRHS

COMPUTER SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY PRESENTS
SUMMER CODING CAMPS

GRADES K-2
JUNE 12-15
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Students will learn the basics of computer science, participate in hands-on projects, use the Sphero Bolts and Edison Robots, discuss why technology is important, learn the difference between hardware and software, and more!

Early Registration - \$55 by April 30
Registration Cost - \$65 after April 30

GRADES 3-6
JUNE 12-15
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Students will be introduced to some basic computer science history, use block-based programming in Scratch to recreate popular games, learn how to use the Sphero Bolts to solve basic mazes, learn the Python programming basics, create their first coding project, and more!

Early Registration - \$55 by April 30
Registration Cost - \$65 after April 30

GRADES 7-9
JUNE 19-22
8:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Students will discuss the basic needs to run and create programs, learn the basics of HTML, learn the basics of programming in Python and JavaScript, making projects and solving problems using code, understand and learn how to use IDEs, and more!

Early Registration - \$55 by April 30
Registration Cost - \$65 after April 30



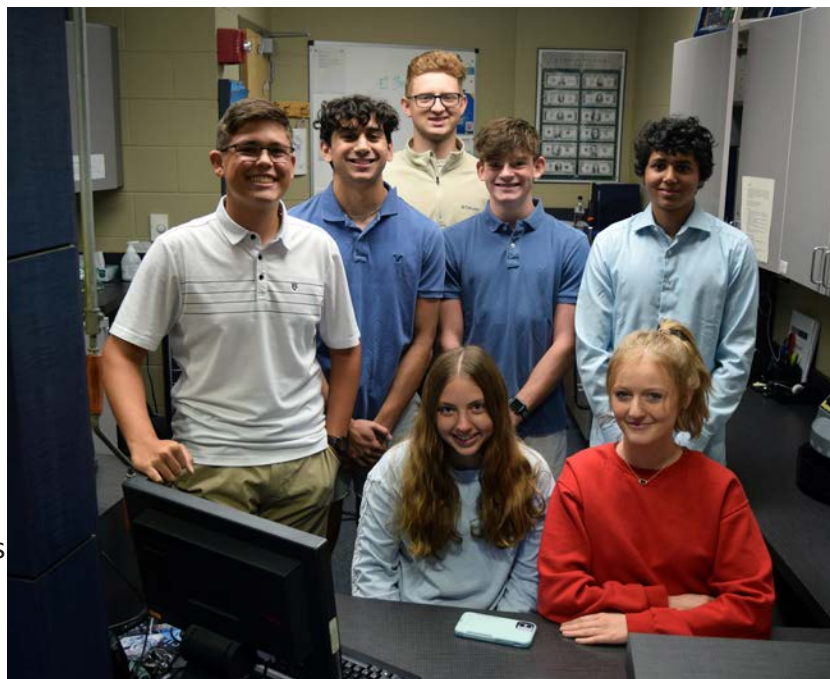
**REGISTER
NOW**

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◆ Career and Technical Education

DECA and Common Grounds, The Shack, and the WRHS Bank have teamed up again to obtain Gold Certification in DECA's School Based Enterprise Program. The WRHS DECA members who contributed to the certification were Rebecca Hoopes, Hayden Keller, Madison Stout (Common Grounds), Dylan Dodge (WRHS Bank), and Madeline Carter and Megan Christensen (The Shack) with the assistance of their DECA chapter advisor, Brian McFall.



2022-2023 WRHS Bank Staff

Common Grounds, The Shack and WRHS Bank are student-based businesses at Washburn Rural High School. Student baristas that work at the shop are enrolled in Marketing Management as junior and seniors, The Shack Students are enrolled in Marketing Applications and the WRHS Bank students are part of the Banking, Finance and

Investing pathway. These application level course continues to expand students' marketing, finance skills with an emphasis on business management and entrepreneurship. Students manage and operate the school's coffee shop, school store, and bank gaining experience with customer/human relations, inventory, sales, promotion, product development and development of 21st century skills.

This is the sixth year that DECA, WRHS business club, and the student-businesses have teamed up. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. Members can become: academically prepared for college and careers in marketing, finance, hospitality or management, community oriented by gaining an appreciation for the benefits of service and their potential impact on the community and world professionally responsible with ethics, integrity and high standards experienced leaders by practicing key leadership skills such as goal setting, consensus building and project management. The project, School Based Enterprise Program, is a chapter project that develops business and marketing knowledge and skills. The School Based Enterprise Program applies entrepreneurial knowledge and skills to a single sales/service activity to be run as a real business venture. In a sense, the project is a chapter entrepreneurship project.



2022-2023 The Common Grounds Staff

◆ Career and Technical Education

A school-based enterprise (SBE) is an entrepreneurial operation in a school setting that provides goods and 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. School-based enterprises are effective educational tools in helping to prepare students for the transition from school to work or college. For many students, they provide the first work experience; for others, they provide an opportunity to build management, supervision and leadership skills. While some in the education community have only recently discovered the value of school-based enterprises, educators and DECA advisors have used them as a powerful teaching tool for more than four decades.

DECA offers SBE certification on two levels: chapter level through a written project and individual level through a comprehensive exam. The certification program reinforces the integration of National Curriculum Standards and 21st century employability skills into the SBE learning lab environment. Standards covered in both the written project and exam include retail, marketing and entrepreneurship concepts, and a range of business operations standards. Earning a chapter or individual certification garners international recognition, provides credibility, validates curriculum efficacy and strengthens the relevancy of the SBE as a valuable teaching tool. Participating in SBE certification is an effective way of preparing students for DECA competitive events and future higher learning and careers.

The School-based Enterprise Academy is held annually during DECA's International Career Development Conference and is available exclusively to Gold Certified and Gold Re-certified SBEs. Gold Certified SBEs are eligible to bring one advisor and up to three students to the academy with the approval of their chartered association advisor. The academy is designed to combine substantive educational experiences and competition with networking and vendor interaction. Participants will experience dynamic professional development sessions specific to the entrepreneurship field, have the opportunity to share ideas and learn from other SBEs, and compete in an SBE-specific competition focused on best practices.

For more contact Mr. McFall at mcfalbri@usd437.net, 785-339-4247.



2022-2023 The Shack Staff

◆ Career and Technical Education



Sponsored by Silver Lake Bank

Emerging Risks are Remaking the Business Leader of the Future

On Thursday, February 2nd, WRHS Bank students attended Washburn University on its annual Day of Giving. Students joined Scot Ferrell for a Wake Up with Washburn lecture where he discussed the importance of risk management and the new skillsets students need when they enter into the business world. Ferrell earned a bachelor's of business administration degree from Washburn where he was actively involved with campus associations, clubs and teams plus a member of Alpha Delta fraternity.



With over 30 years of business and risk consulting experience, he is currently a managing director at Marsh McLennan, the world's leading professional services firm in risk, and leads the western geography sales for Marsh Risk Consulting. Growth lead for the Western Geography that includes coordinating consulting services such as business continuity, crisis management, claims consulting, safety consulting, enterprise risk, supply chain and other risk management services for clients. In his free time, he has volunteered for multiple boards including the American Red Cross where he sponsored Prepare Bay Area, an earthquake preparedness training initiative for San Francisco.

Established in 1993, the Wake Up with Washburn Breakfast lecture series gives Washburn the opportunity to showcase four alumni during the academic year to fellow Ichabod alumni, faculty, staff, students and the Topeka community. The lecture series is co-sponsored by the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation and the Washburn University School of Business and provides a forum for alumni lecturers to enlighten the audience about their career, accomplishments and how Washburn had a positive impact on them while they were students. "This was a great opportunity to learn about risk management through Scot's impressive first-hand experiences" - Dylan Dodge, WRHS Junior.

For more information, contact WRHS Bank sponsor, Brian McFall at mcfalbri@usd437.net

◆ Career and Technical Education



Sponsored by Silver Lake Bank

On Friday, February 3rd State Treasurer, Steven Johnson, and his staff visited the Washburn Rural High School bank. Pat Gideon, Silver Lake Bank President, along with Alexander Orel, Kansas Bankers Association, were also in attendance. The visit was the first step in gathering information so that the State Treasurer's Office can provide a variety of resources so that other schools and community banks can offer this educational setting to their school communities while supporting financial literacy initiatives.



Steven was elected the state's 42nd state treasurer in 2022. He assumed office on January, 9 2023 and is committed to serving Kansas as both a reliable banker for state funds and a responsible fiduciary of invested dollars.

After graduating from Southeast Saline High School, Steven went on to study Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University, where he was elected Student Body President and graduated with honors. Steven began his career in the financial services sector while remaining involved in the family farm. He continued his education at the University of Chicago where he received a Masters in Business Administration with an emphasis in finance and business policy.

Steven's financially-focused education was a valued tool in the financial services sector when he led the development of an asset allocation software program that calculated the highest return of investment for a particular need. His interest and expertise in financial issues during the economic downturn of 2008-09 was a catalyst in his decision to enter public service. Steven ran for the state legislature and was elected in 2010. His financial and agricultural background led to committee appointments including Chairman of the Tax Committee, Chairman of Insurance and Pensions Committee, and a member of committees including Appropriations and Agriculture and Natural Resources.

For more information please visit <https://www.kansasstatetreasurer.com/>.

◆ Career and Technical Education



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2023 Silver Lake Bank Scholarships

Silver Lake Bank is pleased to offer three \$1,000 Scholarships to the WRHS Class of '23

Silver Lake Bank is committed to giving back to our community and is proud to support the graduates of Washburn Rural High School as they pursue post-secondary opportunities. We wish all graduates success in their future endeavors!

Scholarship Criteria

- Demonstrated academic and cognitive preparation.
(must have maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrated employability skills: communication skills, strategic thinking, emotional intelligence, and problem solving.
- Demonstrated technical skills.
- Demonstrated civic engagement.

How to apply

- Submit a cover letter and resume' in PDF format to scholarships@silverlakebank.com by **March 15, 2023**.
- The cover letter and resume' should address criteria outlined above and include current school, post-secondary plans, and why the candidate is deserving of the scholarship.

Additional Information

- Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail in April 2023.
- Scholarships are non-renewable.

Washburn Rural Junior Blues School Spirit Loyalty Card



The scholarships are funded by the Silver Lake Bank Washburn Rural Junior Blues School Spirit Loyalty Cards. The bank provides \$.05 to the WRHS Scholarship Fund for each debit card transaction that does not require your PIN.

Don't have a card? Show your WRHS colors and open an account to get your card today! Call Silver Lake Bank at 785.232.0102 or email slbank@silverlakebank.com.

New Year, New Cup

12oz - \$27
24oz. - \$32



Start off the year right with an upgrade! Shop the new WARU Tumblers, available in three colors (black, navy, cream).

Available at Common Grounds Coffee Shop
or online at <https://wrhscommongrounds.square.site/>

MARCH *of* DIMES



DECA Annual Fundraiser

**BUY A SHAMROCK AT
COMMON GROUNDS FOR \$1
AND PUT YOUR NAME ON IT
TO SUPPORT KIDS WITH
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY!**

Helps him
live longer and
grow stronger

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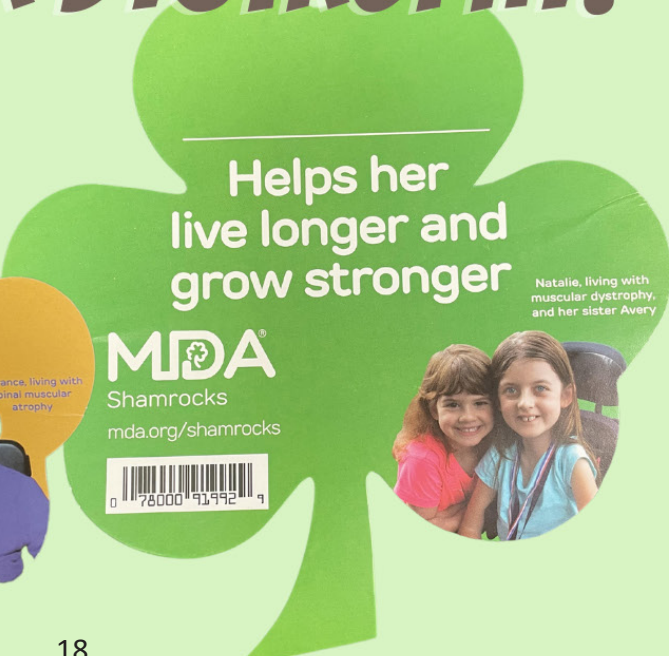

Torrance, living with
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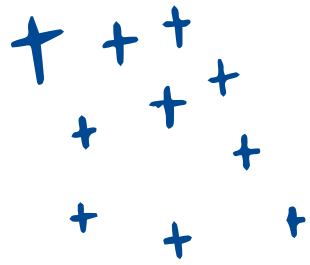
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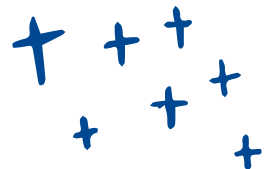
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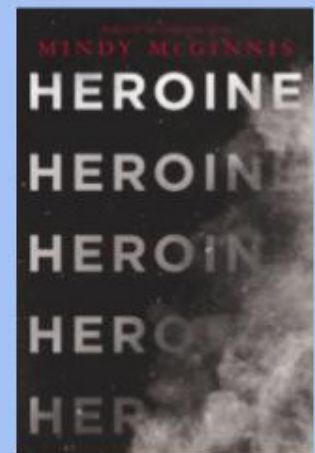
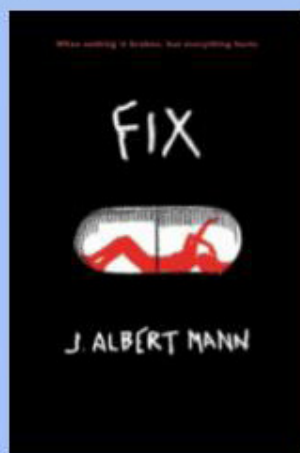
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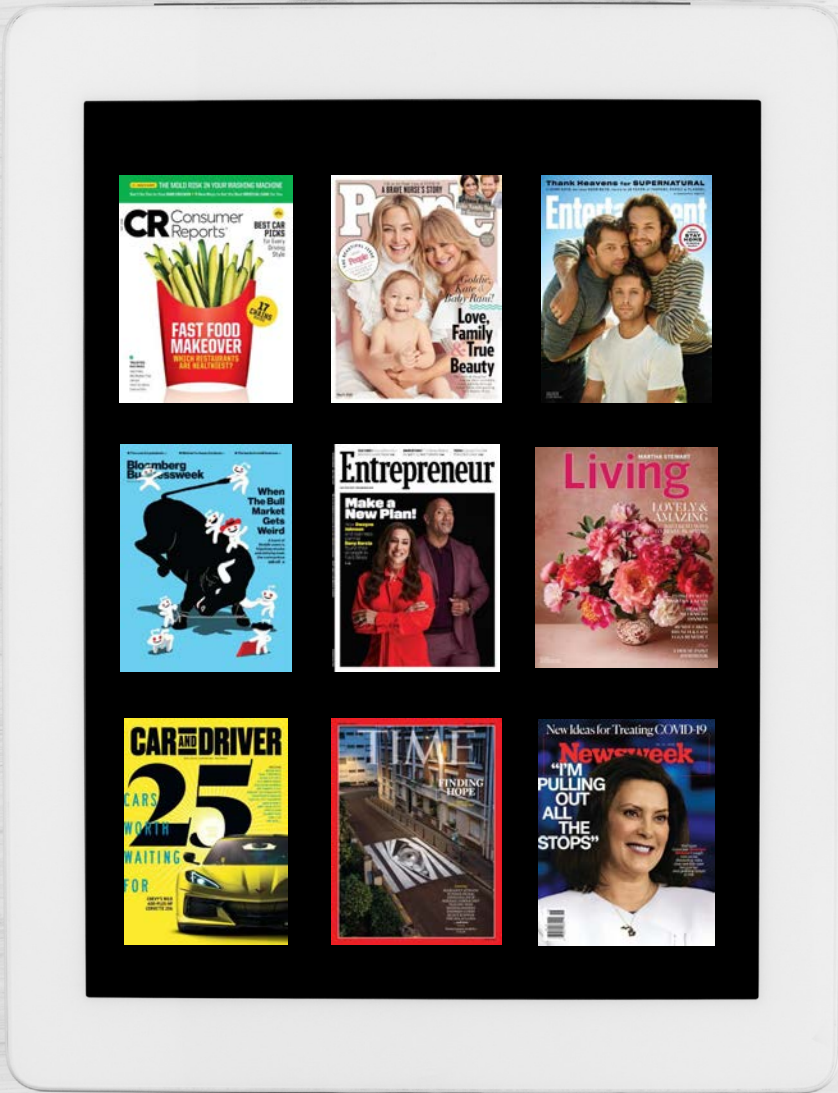
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◆ Air Force Junior ROTC

Washburn Rural AFJROTC defeats Natchitoches Central AJROTC

Washburn Rural AFJROTC defeated Natchitoches Central AJROTC 694.0 to 644.5 in the 2023 National Air Rifle New Shooter League. Washburn Rural AFJROTC was led by Aydan Rohlf who shot a 192.6. The remaining contributing members were Noah Czechanski, Kelsie Schneider, and Michael Leonard. They are from Topeka, KS, and are coached by Lt Col Ron Daniels.

Overall Washburn Rural AFJROTC is ranked forty-eighth. They have a 1 - 0 record.

Natchitoches Central AJROTC was led by Carl Williams who shot a 200.2. The remaining contributing members were Bryce Day, Sean Remo, and Kimberlee Moak. Natchitoches Central AJROTC is from Natchitoches, LA, and is coached by Duane Bailey.

Overall Natchitoches Central AJROTC is ranked fifty-second. They have a 0 - 1 record.

Next up Washburn Rural AFJROTC will compete against John F. Kennedy AJROTC from Denver, CO. John F. Kennedy AJROTC currently has a 0 - 1 record. While Natchitoches Central AJROTC will compete against Ozark AJROTC from Ozark, MO. Ozark AJROTC currently has a 1 - 0 record.

These two teams are competing in the National Air Rifle "New Shooter" League. Sponsored by the Orion Scoring System, the league is a national team league exclusive to athletes in their first year of competition. Teams are from high schools and junior rifle clubs throughout the United States. Over 10 weeks each team competes in 8 games. Each week, each team is paired with another team with a near equal skill level.

In each game the teams compete in what is known as a Three-Position Air Rifle match. The match is modeled after Olympic Rifle competitions but adapted to high school age athletes. Each athlete will shoot 10 shots in three different shooting positions, prone, standing, and kneeling. Each shot is worth a maximum of 10.9 points. The sum of points scored in the 30 shots is the athlete's total. The team score is comprised of the best four athletes from each team.



Freshman Noah Czechanski



Freshman Aidyn Robinson



Freshman Kelcie Schneider

◆ Air Force Junior ROTC

Washburn Rural AFJROTC defeats John F. Kennedy AJROTC

Shooting their highest score of the season Washburn Rural AFJROTC defeated John F. Kennedy AJROTC 802.0 to 521.5 in the 2023 National Air Rifle New Shooter League. Their second win in a row. Washburn Rural AFJROTC was led by Aydan Rohlf who shot a 221.9. The remaining contributing members were Noah Czechanski, Kelcie Schneider, and Michael Leonard. They are from Topeka, KS, and are coached by Lt Col Ron Daniels.

Overall Washburn Rural AFJROTC is ranked fifty-second. They have a 2 - 0 record.

John F. Kennedy AJROTC was led by Armando Garcia-Pineda who shot a 267.2. The remaining contributing members were Tan Tran, and Emily Serrano. John F. Kennedy AJROTC is from Denver, CO, and is coached by Aaron Sheppard.

Overall John F. Kennedy AJROTC is ranked sixty-first. They have a 0 - 2 record.

Next up Washburn Rural AFJROTC will compete against Eldorado NJROTC from Las Vegas, NV. Eldorado NJROTC currently has a 0 - 1 record. While John F. Kennedy AJROTC has a bye week.

These two teams are competing in the National Air Rifle "New Shooter" League. Sponsored by the Orion Scoring System, the league is a national team league exclusive to athletes in their first year of competition. Teams are from high schools and junior rifle clubs throughout the United States. Over 10 weeks each team competes in 8 games. Each week, each team is paired with another team with a near equal skill level.

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For more information on the league, including complete standings, visit <https://www.national-leagues.com/new-shooter>

Box Score: <http://www.orionresults.com/team/GamePage.aspx?MatchID=1.1.2023011922382675.1>

Washburn Rural AFJROTC team page: <http://www.orionresults.com/team/LeagueTeam.aspx?TeamID=2121>





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THANK YOU TEACHERS!!!

Thank you for putting in extra time to communicate, connect, and collaborate with our kids and families during Parent-Teacher Conferences!!

POST PROM IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



Click on the Cosmic Chaos image for the virtual invitation. All juniors and seniors along with one guest are invited regardless of whether you attend prom or not.

WE NEED POST PROM VOLUNTEERS!!!

We need volunteers for this year's WRHS AFTER PROM, Cosmic Chaos, which is being held on Saturday, April 1st.

The Post Prom will be open to students from 11:30-2:30. We have many volunteer slots to fill and could really use your help to make this a safe, fun night for all the WRHS kids involved. We need help with serving food, running the games, prizes, check-in, etc.

Please use the Sign-Up Genius link if you can help out.

[2023 Post Prom Volunteer Sign-Up
Genius](#)

If you have any questions about volunteering for Post Prom, please contact **Carrie Stead @
steadcar@usd437.net**

NEXT BLUES BACKERS MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8



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WHO WE ARE

Blues Backers is the parent-teacher organization at Washburn Rural High School. Our purpose is to work closely with the administration at the school to support the students as well as show appreciation for the hard work of the teachers and staff. This is accomplished through volunteer time and financial support in various ways.

Blues Backers are responsible for organizing and executing a number of events and activities:

- Organizing & Hosting post-prom each year
- Fulfilling funding requests from extra-curricular activities (sports, clubs, activities)
- Providing concessions at events
- Providing hospitality lounge at school-hosted events
- Student achievement recognition
- Hosting teacher appreciation events
- Volunteering at school dances/events

FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all the organizations who have signed up to run a concession stand this winter season!

If your organization is looking for a fun, easy way to raise funds, look for the spring concession stand sign up coming soon.

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◆ March Student Calendar

Wednesday, March 1st

First Day of Women's History Month
7pm V Girls' Basketball at Substate

Thursday, March 2nd

2022-23 Club Date
7pm Orchestra Concert

Friday, March 3rd

V Boys' Basketball at Substate Finals

Saturday, March 4th

8am Soccer Ref Clinic
6pm V Girls' Basketball at Substate Finals

Monday, March 6th

6:30pm Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, March 7th

Assembly-Early Release Schedule
7pm Bands Concert

Wednesday, March 8th

3pm V Boys' Basketball State Quarterfinals
6pm Vocal Music Concert
6:30pm PTO Meeting
7:30pm Vocal Music Concert

Thursday, March 9th

3pm V Girls' Basketball at State Quarterfinals
6pm Girls Wrestling Banquet

Friday, March 10th

No School-Staff Day
3pm V Girls/Boys' Basketball State Semifinals

Saturday, March 11th

12pm V Girls/Boys' Basketball State Finals

Monday, March 13th - Friday, March 17th

No School: Spring Break

Monday, March 20th

6pm Cheer Banquet/Awards Night
6:30pm Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, March 21st

7am NHS Meeting
4pm V Girls Dive @ Emporia
4:30pm JV/V Girls Soccer vs DeSoto
6pm Dancin' Blues Banquet/Awards Night
6pm SITE Council

Wednesday, March 22nd

Early Release-45 minutes
1pm CTE Spring Showcase & Advisory Committee Meetings
2:20pm AF JROTC Marching Practice
6pm Girls' Basketball Banquet/Awards Night

Thursday, March 23rd

2022-23 Club Date
12:30pm V Boys Golf @ Blue Valley West Duel
1:30pm V Girls Dive @ Topeka West Invite
4pm V Girls Swim @ Emporia
6pm Boys' Basketball Banquet/Awards Night

Friday, March 24th

3:30pm JV/V Softball vs Topeka High
4:30pm V Baseball @ Rob Jones Tny (2 games)
4:30pm JV/V Girls Soccer vs Kapaun Mt. Carmel

Saturday, March 25th

12pm SUNDAY Awards Ceremony

Monday, March 27th

1pm V Boys Golf @ Shawnee Mission East Invitational
4pm JV Softball Quad vs Emporia, Seaman, TH

Tuesday, March 28th

9am JV/V Boys Tennis WaRu "Too Big" Invite
3:30pm JV Track @ Highland Park Invite
4pm JV/V Baseball @ Topeka High
5pm V Girls Soccer @ Olathe Northwest Tournament
6pm Dancin' Blues 2023-24 SY Tryout Meeting

Wednesday, March 29th

1pm V Boys Golf @ Shawnee Mission East Invitational

Thursday, March 30th

1pm JV Boys Golf WR JV Invite
1:30pm V Girls Dive/Swim @ Topeka High Invite
3:30pm V Track Jerry Beardslee Invite
3:30pm JV Boys Tennis @ Topeka High Dual
4pm C Baseball vs Manhattan
7pm V Girls Soccer @ Olathe Northwest
7pm Jazz Band Concert

Friday, March 31st

4pm JV Baseball vs Seaman
4pm V Baseball @ Seaman
5pm IB Art Opening