

# Warren Local School District

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Winter 2023

# Night to Shine

Welcome back! Friday, February 10, 2023, the Mid-Ohio Valley Night to Shine was back in person, and it did not disappoint! Over 200 Warren Local students and employees volunteered to plan, decorate, and/or serve the 146 registered guests. Joining Warren Local Schools and Porterfield Baptist Church on the Mid-Ohio Valley Night to Shine Team, was St. Ambrose Catholic Church (event registration), Belpre Church of Christ (respite room

meals), Ohio State Highway Patrol (limo escorts), Washington County Sheriff's Department, as well as multiple area Fire Departments and EMS.

What a community we live in; so many people willing to say "yes" and give their time and efforts to serve others! Next year's event will be here before we know it, and we can't wait! Save the date: February 9, 2024.

Photos by: Melissa Rose Photography







# **Warrior Hall of Honor**

# Four members inducted into the 2022 class at the December recognition ceremony

On December 16, 2022, the Warrior Hall of Honor inducted four members; Hugh Coffman, Mary Nuzum, Sandra Young and Silvia Young. The ceremony was held in the old and new Warrior Coliseums and ended with a Warrior victory over old SEOAL foe, Logan. Thank you to all of those that attended and congratulations to our inductees!

**Hugh Coffman** began teaching agriculture in 1958 for Vincent High School upon return from his service in the Korean Conflict. In 1970, he served as Assistant Superintendent for Warren Local Schools.



**Mary Nuzum** was the vocal and handbell teacher at Warren for over thirty years before retirement. Her students received opportunities to perform at large arenas, on cruise ships and several larger cities.

Sylvia and Sandra Young - Sylvia



was hired at Warren High School in 1961 after graduating from Marietta. Sandra was hired at Barlow-Vincent Elementary the

following year. Together, they started the art department at Warren Local Schools where it continues to flourish. Current WHS art teacher, Aaron Place, accepted the award on behalf of the family of the Young sisters. Page 2 I AM A WARRIOR

# Sylvia & Sandra Young Painting Sale

### 1 Day Sale March 25, 2023 Parkersburg Art Center Market Street, Parkersburg

Sylvia and Sandra Young led a legacy at Warren Local School District as well as dedicating their life advocating for the arts throughout Southeastern Ohio and surrounding areas. From 1962 to 2012 Sylvia and Sandra taught Visual Arts at Warren High School and Barlow Vincent Elementary. Upon their passing, the Sandra Lee Young and Sylvia Lee Young Enterprise fund was established through The Marietta Community Foundation to support causes dear to them in the Marietta



### Drama Department Holds Its Annual Murder Mystery Dinner

After a two-year hiatus, the Drama Department held its annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre production on December 3 in the high school commons area. Guests were treated to a dinner of country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, Texas Roadhouse rolls, and dessert. They also had the opportunity to buy tickets for a country store raffle where various local businesses donated items, and tickets were also sold for a handmade quilt donated by Side Stitchin', located in Belpre.

Along with dinner and the raffles, students performed the play, *The Great High School Whodunit*, by Eileen Moushey. Guests then participated in a clue hunt where they were

area. Along with their kind donations, Sylvia and Sandra left nearly 90 paintings to the Warren Local Schools Art Department to sell to former students and community members. The funds raised through this sale will filter back to the MCF and be used to fund future art projects at Warren Local Schools.

Warren High School's Visual Arts and Digital Media/Graphic Design Annual Art Exhibit will be held at the Parkersburg Arts Center, March 15-25 and will display student work from both disciplines. Also on display will be nearly 90 paintings made by Sylvia and Sandra Young throughout their illustrious career. All of these paintings were displayed in their Marietta home for many years.

On Saturday, March 25, 2023, these paintings will be for sale to the general public at the Parkersburg Arts Center on a first come, first serve basis. All paintings not sold will be reposted on the Warren Local School District website for those interested. Prices for paintings will vary and donations to the WLSD Visual Arts department will be accepted.

sent throughout the high school in search of clues that would eventually lead them to the killer. After several answers were submitted, the winning team, made up of teachers Mr. Sundquist, Mr. Trader and Mrs. Welsh, submitted the correct solution and were awarded a \$100 gift card to Texas Roadhouse.

All in all, the night was a huge success with a sold out crowd and the proceeds going to the Drama Department to help with the expenses of the upcoming spring musical.



# **Toys for Tots**



Warren Local Schools, grades K-12, participated in the Toys for Tots drive helping Washington County families for Christmas. This year, Warren students filled 6 boxes in the Toys for Tots Drive. The drive lasted from November 15 through December 15.

### **Warrior Liberty Walk**

By Mr. Andy Biddinger

The high school social studies department coordinated a voluntary 'walk' designed to teach students and other participants about the 'Voie de Liberte.' a tracking of the movements of soldiers across Europe during World War II. The teachers and students logged miles each week. When certain distance markers were reached, they received an email describing aspects of the battles in that region. Participants virtually visited sites, pictures included in the emails, such as the Normandy beaches, Mont St. Michel, Chartres, and Bastogne (focal point of the Battle of the Bulge).



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# **Military Appreciation Night**

The annual Military Appreciation Night was held before a capacity crowd at the Warren-Marietta Boys' Basketball game on Friday, January 13. With the help of the Ohio Army National Guard and the active duty military, over 40 veterans were recognized by their branch of service and were awarded a commemorative plaque for their service.

The WHS choir sang each branch song during the special ceremony. Flags of the six service branches were displayed, and the teams and cheerleaders held a large American flag that stretched over most of the playing floor as "God Bless America" and the "Star Spangled Banner" were sung.



Thank You!

Warren Athletics held their 1st Annual Sponsorship Appreciation Night between games of the Warriors Inaugural Twin State League matchup in boys' basketball with Point Pleasant. A reception for sponsors with light refreshments kicked off the special evening, and Athletic Director Steve Harold spoke briefly thanking all donors and hinting on future fundraising ideas. All the sponsors were then recognized on-court, and were presented a frame denoting their level of sponsorship.









# **Nurse Notes**





# Immunization Reminders for Fall of 2023

# Parents of current 6th grade students:

Documentation of an updated tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis(Tdap) booster and a meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine must be on file at Warren Middle School before your child can enter the 7th grade in August of 2023. Obtaining these vaccines now may allow you to avoid busy clinics and longer wait times during the summer. Please send this documentation to the school nurse.

# Parents of current 11th grade students:

Documentation of a meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine given on or after the students 16th birthday must be on file at Warren High School before your child can enter the 12th grade in August of 2023. This also includes WHS students who attend the Washington County Career Center, Washington State Community College, and other colleges. Obtaining this vaccine now may allow you to avoid busy clinics and longer wait times later this summer. Please send this documentation to the school nurse.

Please review any records that you have to see if your child has received the required immunizations. If your child needs immunizations, please contact your child's healthcare provider, the Washington County Health Department (740-374-2782), or the Marietta-Belpre City Health Department (740-373-0611) to schedule an appointment.

Please send a copy of the above required immunizations to school as soon as possible. Records can also be faxed to 740-445-5301 or emailed to melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org.



### **Breakfast for Learning**

Nearly half of all American families regularly skip <u>breakfast</u>. Is your family one of them? When it comes to getting your children to school, a healthy breakfast is just as important as gym shoes and sharp pencils.

Breakfast has been associated with everything from better memory, better test scores, better attention span to decreased irritability, healthier body weights, and improved overall nutrition.

Whether you opt for a simple breakfast or a more elaborate one, any effort to make it nutritious is better than no breakfast at all. Whether that means a glass of low-fat milk and a piece of wheat toast or an all-out feast, the following breakfast-made-easier tips will hopefully help you rise to the occasion and

overcome some of the most common barriers to a healthy breakfast.

**Eat breakfast at school.** Warren Local School District offers free breakfast for all students.

Fix breakfast before bedtime. Prepare breakfast items the night before to make breakfast preparation easy and fast. Examples include hard-boiling eggs ahead of time or having your child's favorite cold cereal dished out the night before to pair with some pre-sliced fresh fruit.

**Grab-and-go breakfasts.** If the reality of your schedule is such that you and your kids routinely run out the door with no time to spare in the morning, then try stocking up on a variety of nutritious foods that you can prepare and prepackage for healthier grab-and-go convenience. Try foods like sliced apples, yogurt, homemade muffins, or a bagel with low-fat cream cheese.

Make sure sleep is on the menu. Make sure your child is early enough to bed that he/she rises early enough to allow time for breakfast.

# **Tips for Parents of Students with Glasses**



Let them pick out their glasses, funky colors and all, so they feel confident and proud to wear them (but don't be shy to help narrow down their selection).

Talk with their teacher about their visual needs, so they can help reinforce wearing glasses when they are at school.

Consider a light-reactive lens that turns into sunglasses when they go

outside so kids don't need to remember two pairs of glasses.

Set expectations with your child about caring for their glasses, such as: When they should wear them; Storing them in a case when they aren't wearing them; and No sharing their glasses with friends.



# **Lunchroom News**

### Middle school students now have more options

Students who eat school lunch are more likely to consume more fruits, vegetables and milk than those who don't participate. The best way to get students to eat lunch and have less waste is to offer more entrée choices. Increasing the number of healthy entrée options makes it more likely that students will be able to find some-

thing nutritious to eat.

January 23 was the launch date for a third hot option for the middle school students. They now have a third option to choose from. This entrée is rotated on a weekly basis.

We encourage students to have a voice in their school lunch. Healthy children learn better!



# **Grandparents Luncheon at WMS**





Warren Middle School students were encouraged to invite their grandparents to join them in a special school lunch. The most important part of their luncheon was watching all of the smiles and conversation.

Many wonderful memories were undoubtedly made.



# Didyou?

Did you know the equivalent term for Lunch Lady in the United Kingdom is Dinner Lady?

Who is your favorite Lunch Lady?





Contact Charlene Fronko, Food Service Supervisor, if you have any questions. 740-678-2366, ext. 3810



If your income status has changed, you may fill out a Free/Reduced form online at My School Apps or request a paper form from the school secretary.







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www.warrenlocal.org.



### By Mr. Sundquist

The Warren High School Choral Department is keeping very busy this year! On November 19, several of our students participated in the OMEA District 9 Honor Choir. They spent the day with about 100 other students from our part of the state under the direction of Dr. Jami Lercher from Baldwin Wallace University. They presented a concert that evening at Marietta High School to a receptive audience.

In December, we were delighted



to be the first group to present an event in the newly renovated Warren High School auditorium! Our Holiday Concert opened the facility on December 12, just hours after the work was finished, and we followed up with our A Cappella Christmas Concert on December 14. We were very proud of both concerts, and look forward to many more years in this beautiful facility. We were also delighted to present a portion of our Christmas music to the students of Warren Middle School and Warren Elementary





School; both schools gave us a warm reception and respectful audiences.

After Christmas break, we were immediately back to work preparing for OMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival. On January 21, sixteen of our students attended this event at Meadowbrook High School in Byesville and performed very well. Becca Ball, Garrett Biddinger, Payge Cornell, Isaac Martin, Liam Nuzum, Rachel McDole, Hollyn Reed, Mollie Smith, and Sophie Stevens received superior ratings on their vocal solos, and Brandi Garner and Sophie Boothby received excellent ratings on their vocal solos. A vocal ensemble consisting of Garrett Biddinger, Nick Bland, Jacob Craddock, Isaac Martin, Mason O'Donnell, and Berrett Wilcox received a superior rating. Madelyn Douhgerty performed an advanced

piano solo in open class for comments only.

In February, several of our students will be part of auditioned honor choirs. The first weekend of February. Becca Ball, Garrett Biddinger, Nick Bland, Bennett Borman, Isaac Martin, and Taylor McConnell participated in the Ohio All-State Choir in Columbus - they auditioned for this ensemble last May. This is more students than we have had accepted to this ensemble in one season for quite a few years, and were very excited! The last weekend of February, Sophie Boothby and Liam Nuzum will participate in the ACDA National Junior High Honor Choir in Cincinnati - they auditioned for this ensemble this past

Next on our list is OMEA District Contest - Bass Chorus, Treble Chorus, and A Cappella Choir will attend this event at the beginning of March and will be adjudicated on their performance as well as their sight reading skills.

And finally, we have announced and cast our spring musical! In May, the combined forces of the band, choral, and drama departments will present The Music Man in the beautiful new Warren High School auditorium! If you came to see our production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat last spring, or even if you didn't, please plan to come out and see our students present this classic masterpiece of musical theatre! Tickets will be available on the Warren High School website later in the spring.

### Student Council News

By Riley Dunfee

In late November, student council hosted the annual Senior Citizen Luncheon, where around 150 local senior citizens were invited to come to Warren High School to be served a Thanksgiving-style lunch. The Coliseum was set up and decorated by student council members with pumpkins donated by FFA, who also worked together to serve food and drinks to those who attended. The luncheon is

a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with the community.

This winter, student council has held many fundraisers to help local students and families. One, a t-shirt fundraiser, raised money in support of a local student, Ashton Harris, who has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Over 50 shirts were sold, and donations were accepted from both students and faculty. The shirts were made by the Hat and Shirt Shop. Members of student council sold these shirts during PLP and lunch for around two weeks.

Those who purchased the shirts wore them together on Monday, February 8.

Additionally, student council has been doing several smaller projects. A committee of students led a project to write valentines for residents at the Arbors of Marietta to connect with the community during the late winter season.

Junior student council members on the Junior Class Committee have been working with their class advisors to plan a winter formal to raise money for this year's prom.

# **High School News**

### WHS Drama and AP Literature **Classes Attend Production** of Hotel Berry

The drama and AP English Literature classes had the unique opportunity to view a performance of Ohio University Tantrum Theatre's production of Hotel Berry on November 29 in the Radio and Television Building Theatre. Hotel Berry is the true story of Athens Black hotel owners, Edward and Mattie Berry.

"By 1912 Athens' only Black business owners. Edward and Mattie



Berry, have established one of the finest hotels in Ohio, with visitors from all over the country. When former president and now presidential candidate Theodore Roosevelt de-

> ors. Kevin Heiss. Brandon Cline. and Ben Bishop all won outstanding

### about how Black settlements emerged in our area are invited to check out the Ohio University podcast entitled. "Invisible Ground."

cides to stay at the hotel, a potential

moment of pride and joy unleashes

scandal and political upheaval."

spectacular performance and live

question and answer session at the

conclusion of the production where

they learned about Black history in

Anyone wishing to find out more

Southeastern Ohio.

That's where the play begins! Students were treated to a

cases, that is eight hours of trial time, one of our teams became regional qualifiers in late January. That team will compete again in late February for four more hours of challenging arguments and the opportunity to compete at state.

Pictured: All the mock trial students, videographers, and legal advisors and the outstanding lawyers and witnesses at district competition. Laney Tullius, Garrett Biddinger, and Geneva Cech all won outstanding attorney honwitness honors.





### **Mock Trial**

This year's district mock trial competition was held in person for the first time since 2019. The students enjoyed sitting in a real courtroom to present their mock cases. Since September, students have been scouring the two-hundred-page document to find the most convincing evidence and arguments to persuade the judges. Each trial takes approximately two hours to complete. After four

### **National Honor Society**

In early December, 22 new students were inducted into National Honor Society. Congratulations to: Rebecca Ball, Garrett Biddinger, Benjamin Bishop, Morgan Bradford, Kari Brown, Chris Burdiss, Olivia Byrd, Lilly Cochran, Riley Dunfee,

Courtney Emerick, Lacey Frame, Allison Glover, Teresa Harris, Claire Hendrickson, Mark Himmeldirk, Ethan Knotts, Makinzi Kuczko, Madison Lynn, Maddie Stealey, Trent Taylor, Lilly Thatcher, Laney Tullius.











# FA NEWS

Several FFA students took their **Supervised Agricultural Experiences** (SAE) to the next level to apply for state degrees. This year, we have a total of seven state degrees, five American Degrees, and five proficiency awards being sent to the state level for evaluation.

Many students competed in Career Development Events over the past couple months. Two members are gearing up for the Agricultural Power and Diagnostics contest as they placed 2nd in the online test.

Four of our members competed in the Food Science contest, evaluating different aromas, taste tests, lab

See FFA on page 16.

# **High School News**

## WHS eSports in action!





### WHS Project Based Learning

Mr. Evans' multi-media/web design class worked on a project based learning assignment for the Marietta Chamber of Commerce. The project was to create graphic content for the Marietta Memorial Health Systems Love Lights campaign. The students in the class designed digital material for Facebook advertisements, posters, gifs, animated graphics, and website layout ideas for the holiday campaign.

At the end of the project, the class took a field trip to see one of the Love Lights trees at Marietta Memorial Hospital. During their trip, they learned more about the

history of the campaign and the importance of donations for those families affected by cancer. It was a great learning experience for the students.

Susie Warman (Developmental Specialist for Marietta Memorial Health Systems) spoke with students about the campaign and provided each student with their very own Blenko Glass Ornament.

Kaitlin Streator (Marietta Chamber) worked with the students on their designs to provide feedback for their work and was the main organizer of the project.

Well done, Warriors!



# 3D Art

High school art teacher, Mr. Aaron Place, and his visual arts students have been working toward implementing more STEAM processes into the art curriculum. One of the processes they are focusing on is the utilization of 3D modeling for cross-curricular activities throughout the district. More and more students are developing an interest for this technology and will be creating their own models using a 3D printer and its software. To put their interest to good work, Mr. Place encouraged them to create models for instructional purposes in other high school classes.

Students and staff were asked how 3D models could be used in other classroom settings, brainstormed ideas, and used 3D printers to create models shared throughout the High School.

Mr. Place made a model of a

knee joint for Mr. Werry's class to use during his *Bones and Joints* unit. When he showed his classes what they could make and how it could be used in other classes, they were very receptive. Information was shared with fellow teachers that might benefit from 3D models as teaching tools in their classrooms.

So far, art students have made items for science (knee), and even a topographical map that was given to Mr. Biddinger. "If you can think of it, we can most likely make a model of it, or at least learn from our mistakes," said Mr. Place. "It takes time to create and print the models, so a week's notice would be great."

Pictured (right from top to bottome), are some examples of the students' work: keychain for Mr. Vincent's eSports program; four level cutaway model of the Globe Theatre for Mrs. Erb-Gentile (Language Arts); and canine knee bone for Mr. Werry (anatomy).







# **High School News**

# Warren High School Book Club Holds Its Annual Christmas Book Swap and Discussion



The Warren High School Book Club held its monthly book discussion in December on Tara Westover's memoir, *Educated*. Along with discussion, students enjoyed decorating and eating sugar cookies and participating in a book swap. Members each brought in one of their favorite, wrapped, new or gently used books to swap with other members. Any high school student interested in joining Book Club should contact Mrs. Erb-Gentile in Room 1702 or through email.

# **iBelieve**

### Future Freshman Leaders Attend iBelieve Fall Workshop

Teachers nominated fifteen promising future leaders to attend an iBelieve Fall Leadership Summit at the Baker Center at Ohio University this fall. iBelieve is an educational leadership program founded in order to further the futures of students in the



On February 16, all Warren Local High School students attended Warrior Wellness Day. The students received

beneficial information from community based resources on strategies to deal with everyday common stressors. Utilizing the Characteristics of a Warrior, speakers discussed a variety of topics which consisted of Empathy, Integrity, Communication, Perseverance, Responsibility, Critical Thinking, and Creative Problem Solving. Kicking off the event was Guest Speaker Reed Byers-Change Agent LLC.

Each student signed up for 4 different speaking groups which focused on what they currently need in their own individual lives. Students who attended Warrior Wellness were placed in a raffle drawing where they had a chance to win a gift card. Special shout outs go to Par Mar and an anonymous donor for their donation of gift cards for the raffle drawing; as well as receiving grant funding from Marietta Community Foundation to secure the guest speaker.

Appalachian region of the country. Students from nineteen area schools attended, and communication was the main focus of the workshop. Warren freshmen met and worked with a multitude of students on problem-based learning and communication skills.

Those in attendance were Sophie Boothby, Isabel Brookover, Erin Gris-

Warren Local Schools would like to thank all community resources & businesses that helped make Warrior Wellness Day a success; Counseling & Wellness Center, Hopewell Health Services, Westbrook, Log Cabin Basics, Marietta Family YMCA, Porterfield Baptist Church, Angels Harbor, Rigel Recovery Services, Rockstar Wellness, WVU Medicine-Camden Clark Health and Wellness Center, WVU Medicine-Camden Clark Medical Center, HMB Music Therapy LLC, Marietta College, Marietta Memorial Hospital, Belpre Church of Christ, Washington County Family & Children First, Army National Guard, Columbus Spring Hospital, Full Circle Yoga, Washington State Community College, Wood County Juvenile Drug Court, Washington County Sheriff Office, Marietta Police Department, L & P Behavioral Health, Safe Harbor Health Services, Reflection Studio, Eve Inc, STAR Community Justice Center, Retired School Counselors, Ohio Valley ESC, and Warren Local Schools & Athletics.

Warrior Wellness Day was headed up by Barbara Augustine- Warren High School Counselor and Ann Skufca- Student & Family Engagement Director.

We are Warriors!

wold, Cate Edgell, Phineas McDole, Bryce Moore, Hollyn Reed, Spencer Rehl, Taylor Richards, Sydney Starcher, Mya Stemple, Libby Swaney, Carston Thomas, Lane Wasson, and Abby Whited. Having attended the Fall Leadership Summit, students are now eligible to apply for a spot at one of iBelieve's summer workshops.





# **Middle School News**

# Power of the Pen

Introducing this year's Warren Middle School Power of the Pen team! Power of the Pen is an Ohio-based creative writing competition in which seventh and eighth-grade students compete in district, regional and state competitions. WMS is proud to have eight members on this year's team. Seventh-grade members are Julia Lutzen, Miles McGregor, Layla McKenzie, Mattie Sandford and Mason Reeder. Eighth graders include Piper Shank, McKensie Mason and Suzanna Whipkey. They are coached by 7th and 8th grade ELA teacher, Josie Bintz.

The district competition took place on January 21st where all writers participated in 3 rounds of creative writing. Special congratulations go to Suzanna Whipkey who placed third, Mattie Sandford who placed eighth, and McKensie Mason who placed twelfth. The next competition, regionals, will be held on March 11th. Good luck to all writers!





From posters, colored pictures and slide shows, Mrs. Crum's fifth grade students chose a variety of ways to display and explain what they had researched and learned about world biomes. Along with teachers, our miracle working aides were deeply involved in this learning experience.

### **Students visit Appletree Assisted Living**

Two of Warren Middle School's
AA (Academic Advisory) groups
visited Appletree Assisted Living in
December to give gifts and encouragement. Mrs. Mayle and Mrs. Turrill's
groups also sang Christmas carols

outside of each resident's window, showing what it means to give to and lift others' spirits. Items presented included lap blankets, games, puzzles, arts and crafts, hard

candy, and adult coloring books with coloring utensils. Thank you to our students, for reaching out to community members and sharing a bit of your time and effort in giving to and caring for others!



# Career Mentoring

Jody Martin and Nathanael Erb would like to send out a thank you to Building Bridges to Careers, as well as, the guest speakers from the community for their 7th grade Career Connections class. While in this class, students have heard from, or will hear from, a variety of people, careers, and businesses.

Guest speakers have visited from Marietta College, Washington County Career Center, Washington County Community College, WVU Medicine, People's Bank, Hopewell Health Centers, Northwestern Mutual, Edward Jones, Wesbanco, Thermo Fisher, West Virginia Central Credit Union, Ohio Department of Transportation, Huntington Bank, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Ohio Oil and Gas Energy, Power System Engineering, and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Our goal has been to provide exposure to potential careers and jobs in the Mid-Ohio Valley and make a connection between school and the real world.







During the month of November, student council members led a food drive at the middle school. At the end of the week, a grand total of 1,575 cans were collected! Student council members worked hard each day counting, collecting, sorting, and boxing all the canned goods to be donated. Thanks for all of the donations!

# **Middle School News**

### Trait of the Month



Fifth grade student, Liam Mc-Donald has been working diligently to master all countries on Seterra; an online Geography game. He has

mastered all the countries by naming them by their names, by their flags, and most recently, without borders - all with 100% accuracy. His next 'quest' (as he calls it) is to name them all by spelling their names (and doing so correctly). Our January trait of the month was ambition and Liam has certainly shown that he is ambitious enough to master all the countries of the world in many different ways!

### **Environmental Science**

This year, the seventh grade offers students an Environmental Science (ES) course taught by science teacher, Miki Rowland. This course focuses on conservation and ways to improve our environment. As part of the course, students gather recycling bins from all the classrooms, sort the recycling into plastics, cardboard, aluminum and paper, and finally send the recyclables to the recycling facility. This recycling program was started initially by a student at the middle school a few years ago, Lane Wasson. Lane ran the recycling program for the years he was a student at the middle school, with the help of the principal, Mr. Taylor, who would take the recycled materials to the recycling facility. Since Lane is now at the high school, the Environmental Science course has taken over his good work each week.

The ES elective course takes a trip to tour the local landfill and hosts Wanda Schaad as a guest speaker, who teaches our students about landfills and recycling in our local community.



### **WMS CTE**

By Mr. Terry Reiter

### 7th Grade Principles of Manufacturing:

This winter has shown to be an exciting time for our students. First, they have completed a course in the fundamental use of Fusion 360, a cloud based CAD program that is free to the school and the students. They were able to draw in 2-D, produce a manufacturing print, and produce a 3-D part ready to manufacture.



The three young engineers shown in the photo, Madison Hunt, Lila Gregory, and Cadence Morris, used Fusion 360 to solve a problem for Mr. Secreto's art class. He needed a set of bench hooks, and these problem solvers ran with the project and solved the problem.

Finally, our use of the Jason Learning System has been providing the students with a great amount of content that includes the engineering design process. This topic is taught via problem-based learning in which the students either invent or redesign current fidget devices. We will be wrapping this lesson up soon and presenting the results to several of our teachers.

### 8th Grade Engineering Principles:

This great group has been working hard on the various learning opportunities and labs associated with the following engineering topics, hydraulics, pneumatics, electricity, solar, mechanisms, Fusion 360, and industrial robotics. They also had training in the use and programming of an Arduino electronic controller. Our final project of the year will be designing and building a 3-D printed bridge that can withstand the greatest weight. I'm sure that this civil engineering project will be fun and competitive.



Above: In November, many of the 8th graders traveled to Washington D.C for a two night, three-day field trip. Some of the places that were visited included The Smithsonian Holocaust Museum, Mount Vernon, which is the historic home of George and Martha Washington, and a night tour of the presidential memori-

### VEX Robotics

By Mr. Terry Reiter

On February 4th, our WMS team, including Nataleigh Norman, Ashlee Pate, Hunter Barnes, Nick Bishop, and Alex Bishop, traveled to Shenandoah High School to compete in their first ever VEX ROBOTICS competition. After a crazy start to the day and having to make changes to the robot that morning, they persevered through the day. Their engineering notebook, submitted in the morning, as well as doing great during their interview process, helped them bring home the Excellence Award. This means they automatically

als. Students also got to see The Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Mr. Taylor, Ms. Bintz, Mrs. Kiefer, Mrs. Eddy, Mrs. Martin and several parent chaperones kept the 8th graders moving and experiencing the unique things our nation's capital has to offer.

qualify for State Championships on March 1st.

This was an amazing accomplishment for them because we were late to the game. We bought our VEX parts very late and even then they were backordered, so we had to wait even longer. But they continued to push on, which proved to be all worth it at their competition.

See VEX on page 15.



### Kids Heart Challenge Fundraiser - #15 in Ohio

"Kids Heart Challenge" is a fundraiser through the American Heart Association. Donations are used for research and to help families pay for the care they need. Last spring, students participated in stations during PE class for the school-wide event. Overall, generous pledges of \$17,595 were collected for this charity. For their efforts, Warren Elementary School was among the

top 25 schools last year in the state of Ohio; we actually were #15.

During the three-week Kids Heart Challenge this year, the gymnasium was celebrated as the Arwen Kimes Gym, honoring last year's top fundraiser. Arwen is also showcased on the American Heart Association's Facebook page because of her journey with her heart. Nice work, Warriors!





In December, second grade students got to participate in some fun holiday activities. On "pajama day," kids came decked out in their favorite jammies. Dressed for comfort, they settled in to decorate gingerbread houses. A wide variety of goodies were provided to make their houses look (and taste) yummy!









Above: At Christmastime, Mrs. Daughety's kindergarten class did a measurement activity measuring footprints and our handprints. Students also painted on sweatshirts, so they can compare their handprints and footprints in the future as they grow!



### **Bus Riders - Great Job!**

**October**: Noah Wilson, Jace Moneypenny, Aiden Sutton, Evan Mayle, Austin Powell, Isabella Fleming, Mason Delancey, Micah Edgell, Brooke Billman, Adley Ollom, Ryker Welch

**November**: Avarie Owens, Paige McGlumphy, Jaxson Moore, Abby Neff, Ayla Martin, Langston Shouse, Wyatt Humphrey

**February**: Cooper Gorrell, Audrey Crock, Charlie Malone, Cassius Mayle, Chandler Shankland, Bryce Thomas, Elliette Fivecoait, Jameir Best, Evelyn Wolfe



Mrs. Adams' first graders celebrated the 101st day of school! Time goes by so quickly when you are having fun!



Learning about magnets! Cool!



# IAM A WARRIOR Elementary School News

### Kindergarten Projects

Mrs. Maidens' Class

Pictured left to right: Kinders cre-

ated their own communities in small groups after studying community helpers; Kinders predict what they will be doing when they are 100 years to celebrate the 100th day of school; and students shared what they want to be when they grow up. This was a family project created at home.













# **Happy Valentines Day Mrs. Adams!**







# We Wish You a Merry Christmas

By Mr. Keith Richards

Warren Elementary School opened its doors to friends and family members of kindergarten, first and second grades for in-house Christmas concerts.

Kindergarten got the festivities underway with their rendition of "Up on the Housetop" with rhythm sticks. Audience favorites; "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," and "Reindeer Pokey" made an appearance, too! The final song of the evening was, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," and just before the opening notes were played, Santa Clause appeared! Students were jumping for joy at seeing the jolly man in red. The audience was so excited by the performance; they gave the students a standing ovation at the end.

The next evening, first grade belted out their tunes. Starting with, "The Ha-Ha Holiday Song," students put a giggle in everyone's belly. As everyone knows first grade is the year that boys and girls lose their two front

teeth. In song, they pleaded with anyone that would hear them that all they wanted for Christmas was their two front teeth. In closing their portion of the program, first graders wished everyone a big Merry Christmas in Spanish with José Feliciano's, "Feliz Navidad." Parents and friends left feeling the Christmas spirit for sure!

Second grade closed out the Christmas concerts in a big way, encouraging the audience to listen to the Christmas bells with Karl Hitzemann's, "Hark! Hear the Bells." Elton John's "Your Song," was next, reminding everyone how special they are that they are in this world. The second graders ending the Warren Elementary Christmas concerts with a Beatles arrangement of, "From Me to You," from the UK's 2008 advertising campaign for John Lewis & Partners Department Store.

Thank you to everyone that helped with making sure the performances went smoothly. We look forward to seeing you again next year for more Christmas performances.



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# Clash at the Coliseum

The inaugural Boys and Girls Basketball "Clash at the Coliseum", presented by The Citizens Bank Company, was held on November 25-26, 2022 in both our old and new Warrior Coliseums. 22 Teams competed in the two-day event with 12 varsity games held in the new High School and 12 JV games in Building 6. This event was a huge success, and plans are being made for the 2023 Clash, which will be held on December 22-23.



At the inaugural "Clash at the Coliseum" during the Saturday night session, Warren High School Athletics welcomed back the 2013 Boys Basketball Final 4 Team and coaching staff. A video was shown of the shot by Evan Yabs that sent the Warriors to the Final 4 and players were recognized on court with a short biography of each.

Joining us on the 10-year anniversary of that special season were:
Evan French, Michael Hall, Andrew
Henthorn, Blake Kidder, Adam Lang,
Dylan Leffingwell, Corey Newlen,
Danny Pannell, Collin Welch, and Evan
Yabs, as well as coaches Blane Maddox, Terry Coffman, Mark Duckworth,
and Jack Colgrove.



The 1997 Girls State Runner-Up Basketball team and coaches were honored between games of the Warren- Nelsonville double header on Saturday, January 28. A video tribute was followed by player and coach introductions.

Joining us for this special event were: Julie Wagner, Trisha Alloway, Bobbi Jo Ohmer, Jodie Huck, Sara Nolan, coaches Dennis Biddinger, Ed Adams, Gary Plummer, Rodney Boron, manager Aaron Cunningham, and WTAP's Jim Wharton.

# Girls Wrestling Program

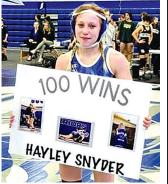
2022-23 marks the inaugural season of the Warren Girls Wrestling Program. Coach Jeff Parsons and his staff welcomed nine girls to the team, forming one of Southeastern Ohio's largest girls' squads. Senior Hayley Snyder (3x time Girls State Champion), Junior Kylee Tait and Sophomore

Jade Fairbanks were joined by Juniors Nevaeh Rockhold and Maria Nutter, and Freshmen Brooklynn Carpenter, Emma Grosselin, Kate Pierson, and Hollyn Reed.

Snyder, Tait, and Fairbanks have wrestled on the boys team prior to







# Maddox Wins #400

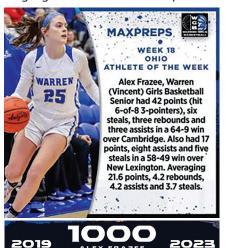
Veteran Warren boys basketball coach, Blane Maddox, returned "home" to his alma mater to achieve yet another milestone in his storied coaching career. On Friday night, February 10, Maddox and his young Warrior squad invaded Logan's Jim Myers Gymnasium and posted a hard-fought 42-37 win to close out

the regular season with a 16-6 record. The win marked the 400th in his 24-year varsity coaching career, all at WHS.

As the all-time wins leader at WHS, Maddox accumulated a career record of 400 wins against just 160 losses, a (.714) winning percentage. From his first win against Jackson back on December 10, 1999, to present day, Coach Maddox

### FRAZEE NAMED MAX PREPS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Alex's 42 point effort in the win over Cambridge established a new single game school record for points.



and his teams have consistently spoiled Warrior fans with 22 winning seasons, and an average of nearly 17 wins per season. Congratulations to Coach Maddox, his current and past coaching staffs, this years' squad, and the many young men who have been a part of the Warren boys basketball program.

Pictured on page 15.

# **Warrior Nation**

### **VEX**

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Once back home, they realized they would need to redesign their robot; this meant taking apart their robot the Monday after the competition. It was

back to the drawing board to make an even better robot in less than a month. Wish us luck!

Special thanks to Mr. Linn Yost and Micro Machine Works, for the very generous donations and making this all possible. Thanks also to Mr. Taylor for letting us take over the conference room and giving us everything we need to succeed as Warrens First Robotics Team.

The team would like to thank the following people for helping out in various ways: Jarvis Huck (Shenandoah High School Teacher), Megan Joseph, Sharon Newlen, Natalie Kunze, and Terry Reiter.









# WMS students create a product for a local company

By Dalila Dennis

Mr. Terry Reiter, the 5-8 Stem teacher at Warren Middle School, was approached nearly a year ago by a company in need of help replacing a part. The company, Prairie Farms Dairy, was having trouble with a milk analyzer. After they were given a picture, Hunter Barns and Alex Bishop, were able to take measurements and 3D print a reprised version of the part. At that, time the boys were just in 7th grade.

This year, with the boys now in 8th grade, Ergon Inc., a privately owned crude oil company approached Reiter with their problem. They had a device for measuring the amount of oil sent into containers in a shipping barge. However, this device continuously broke while in use, so the company needed a quick fix. Reiter hypothesized that because the spur gear the device used is made of brass it would start to break down the plastic gears inside as the oil was pushed through and measured. Reiter brought the group back together to find a solution, but this time he brought in another of his brightest students, Nick Bishop.

Within the class period, the guys had a part to try out, and within the next period they had a working prototype. The boys fed off of their teacher's idea. They 3D printed their very own spur gear, made of plastic. This part will replace the old gear in order to prevent the device from breaking down.

course, the boys took a leap of faith. But this rigor didn't stop them from flourishing in the classroom environment. Alex said he joined because he wants to work in engineering when he gets older. Hunter said that he adored watching his grandpa and dad work in their shop, putting things together when he was young. Each of the boys fell in love with the class and experience.

Hunter Barnes states, "I like the hands-on experience of getting to build and experi-

When deciding to join this challenging

ment." Nick Bishop explained, "I like the technical things, kind of like learning what makes things work." And Alex Bishop said, "I really like coding work. It is kind of like reverse engineering, seeing how things work, and sometimes, when you're lucky, even creating something new." The boys also explained what it felt like when they knew that their part was successful at helping solve an actual problem in the industrial industry. Hunter explains "It's heartwarming, really; knowing that you've actually done something that matters, something that is going toward a real-world problem." Alex said, "It makes you feel successful knowing that your work is going to something important."

Reiter strongly believes in his students' potential and understands that even though they are young, they are still capable. Reiter explained, "This project shows the importance of not just thinking outside of the box but completely destroying the box. It further shows that middle school students are capable of everything they put their mind to."











WMS raised money for local toy drives and holiday gifts with a Pie in the Face contest. Within a week, WMS raised a little over \$1,000!! Pictured (rig\_ht) are some of the staff members who got "pied": Robin Roberts, Mrs. Eddy and assistant principal Mrs. Lipscomb.

### **Spelling Bee**

The Warren Middle School spelling bee was held February 2. The following students placed and will advance to the regional spelling bee in March.

First - Oscar Yost; Second - Brady Van Dine; Third - Charleigh Hoff; Fourth - Adi Greenup; Fifth - Cam Edgell; Sixth - Jack Caprio; Seventh - Layla McKenzie; Alternates - Mattie Sandford and Alice Haynes.





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# **Local Postal Customer**





**FFA** 

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equipment identification, and math problems, placing 7th in the District.

Five of our 8th grade members competed in the State Middle School contest, great job representing Warren!

Job Interview Contest results are as follows: Ryace Boyer - 6th, Madison Biehl - 4th, Steven Anderson - 8th, Clara Pettit - 1st in District 10, 8th place in the State of Ohio! Congratulations to these students for taking their Interview skills to the next level!

Tessa Haffner, Clara Pettit, Aiden Wester-

Welcome to the class of 2036! Kindergarten registration for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year will be held March 28-30, by appointment. Any child who will turn five on or before August 1, 2023, is eligible. Schedule an appointment electronically by doing one of the following;

man, and Christopher Burdiss competed in the Agricultural Biotechnology contest. They were tested in areas of biotechnology through lab skills and equipment along with a presentation of a current Agricultural Biotechnology issue. After qualifying for the state contest, the team placed 19th in the state of Ohio!

Many community service projects were completed throughout the winter, with the biggest being the annual Clothing Drive. Students were asked to bring in gently used clothes to be donated to local area food pantries. Our members then sorted the clothes and set up a clothing store within the high school where stu-

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dents were able to anonymously shop for clothes and take them home. The remaining clothes were then donated to a local food pantry. Members also completed the annual tie blanket making project for the EVE's Women Shelter. Over 30 blankets were hand made by our students and delivered to the Women's Shelter.

We are looking forward to another busy spring as we wrap up our Spring Sale Fundraiser and begin to plan new events. Be sure to help us celebrate National FFA Week this year February 20-24, 2023. Thank you for supporting the Warren FFA and Agricultural Education!



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