



Warren Local School District

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Winter 2021

Warren Students Participate in Discover Manufacturing Contest

Eight students from around Washington County participated in the first Discover MFG! Contest in honor of Manufacturing Day 2020. Warren High School, Waterford High School, and Williamstown High School had students join in, and they had 1 week to complete the design challenge. Sponsored by Appalachian Ohio Manufacturers Coalition (AOMC), the contest was meant to increase high school students' knowledge of local manufacturing careers. Building Bridges to Careers (BB2C) hosted this pilot event and coordinated the contest, and AOMC would like to support more contests around the region this school year.

Since the biggest limiting factor to all events this year has been COVID-19, BB2C decided to hold a 3D design contest in which each contestant would be tasked with designing a part that could help combat the spread of the virus. The BB2C Makerspace had fielded several requests for free-standing plastic barriers and recognized the need for a way to easily and quickly join plexiglass panels together. This was the perfect task for the competition and students were not only judged on the quality of their designs but also by the ease in which these parts could be manufactured.

The results were nothing short of amazing. Every student's design

could have easily been used in the field, which made it very difficult to choose the top 3 winners. In the end, Warren Local students Will Randall, Reed Collins, and Matthew Rauch walked away with \$200 cash, a new 3D printer, and an Oculus virtual reality headset, respectively. (Pictured below)



In response to a post-survey about the experience, the students had this to say:

"Manufacturing is expanding, I was under the impression manufacturing jobs were diminishing due to factories moving to China and schools pushing STEM careers"

"I was really interested that parts from Barlow are on Mars right now"

"I loved the experience to talk to people in the manufacturing

field and make connections that may help in the future"

"Overall, I had a great time with the event; very informative in different aspects and the people there actually felt like they wanted to help."

"There are plenty of jobs in the area."

Members of AOMC provided judges for the event:

Bob Robinson, Thermo Fisher:

"The participants were impressive and exhibited entrepreneurial spirit in their efforts. As a judge, I enjoyed observing the presentations and it was difficult determining who the top 3 were. I recommend other local educators and business leaders participate in the future."

Linn Yost, MicroMachine Works:

"It was an honor to serve as a judge for the Mfg. Contest. Young minds can often come up with fresh solutions and workable ideas for difficult problems simply because no one has told them that it can't be done."

Josh Kehl, Miba Bearings:

"The competition provided a great platform to discuss each designer's thought process and motivations during the creation of their design. The diversity in approaches was fun to observe."

Congratulations to the Warren students who participated.



Pictured left: Alex Lorenz, Tristan Miller, Matt Rauch, Will Randall, Reed Collins, Justin Pate, and Linn Yost of MicroMachine Works



Ohio School Boards Association

Serving as a link between the community and classroom, school board members are elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for public schools. These dedicated individuals understand the importance of supporting public education so that today's students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow.

It is with great thanks that we celebrate and support our own school board members. We are Warriors!

The men and women serving as Warren Local School District's Board of Education are: Bob Crum, President; Sidney Brackenridge, Vice President; with Board Members: Bob Allen, Debbie Proctor, and Debbie West.



Board President, Bob Crum, retired after 24 years of active duty USAF. He also served as the Vice President of Enrollment at Ohio Valley University. He

now owns his own insurance agency. His wife, Joyce, teaches fifth grade science at Warren Middle School. Their daughter owns her own design business and lives in the Warren Local School District. Their son is an associate director of home health care at Mercy Hospital in Columbus, OH. Bob and Joyce have been married for 51 years and have three grandchildren, two of which attend Warren Local Schools. "For years, Warriors have dealt with aging facilities and the limits they brought," added Mr. Crum. "We now have new opportunities for our children that we only dreamed about before. We are blessed with amazing employees that can fulfill those dreams. Thank you for your continued support. Our success is due to all of our Warriors working as a team."



Board Vice President, Sidney Brackenridge, and his wife of 49 years (deceased) graduated from Warren High School in 1965. She was the Valedictorian of their class. Their two

sons are also WHS alumni. Mr. Brackenridge graduated from Ohio University with a BBA degree in Accounting and Business. He served in the U.S. Army for 2 years and worked for 35 years at various local businesses. He was the Treasurer at Warren Local School District for 9 years and has served as a school board member for 7 years. He was a member of the Little Hocking Jaycees and has held office in several local organizations, such as President of the Little Hocking Baseball/Softball Association. He is currently a member of the Belpre Rotary Club, serving as president in the past. "The new schools will improve the learning opportunities of all of our students," said Sidney.



Robert "Bob" Allen and his wife (Carole) of 36 years have lived in the Little Hocking area for 34 years. Their three children attended Warren Local Schools. Bob and Carole have two grandchildren who attend Warren Elementary School. He attends St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Porterfield. His hobbies include reading, fishing, and spending time with his family.

Bob has served the Warren Local schools in many capacities including Little Hocking PTO vice-president and president, youth basketball coach, Odyssey of the Mind coach, WLSD superintendent selection committee member and is currently starting his 13th year as a member of the WLSD board of education. Mr. Allen has over 27-years of project management experience. He is currently employed by E.L. Robinson Engineering as an Infrastructure Business Manager.

"Dreams of providing a 21st Century learning environment for all WLSD students are being fulfilled," added Allen. "The new elementary school is open. The new high school is under roof and is scheduled to open in August 2021. The middle school addition has been bid. Our maintenance and custodial staff are meeting higher standards. The future looks bright for the District. Go Blue!"

Thank You



Debbie Proctor and her husband, Matt, reside in Fleming. They remain actively involved with Warren Local Schools

through coaching and athletic boosters. Debbie has been involved in the Warren Middle School mentoring program. Debbie has a Bachelor's in Business Administration and Healthcare Management. She works for Marietta Memorial Health Systems as the Practice Management Supervisor for Primary Care Family Practice Medicine. Debbie serves as the Pastor for Barlow and Living Faith United Methodist Churches, enjoys theological studies, and is a healthy lifestyle enthusiast. Their five children are alumni of Warren Local Schools. Four of their children remain in the community. "It is my humble honor to be elected by a community that is dedicated to the education, growth, and future of our student body. In Unity We Stand Strong in Warrior Nation," said Debbie.



Debbie West and her husband Steve reside in the Vincent area. She and their two children are Warren alumni. Debbie is

also a graduate of Marietta College with a degree in Finance and has worked as a computer programmer, computer instructor and consultant for Washington State Community College and as an analyst for Woodcraft Supply. She is currently employed by DuPont as the Filaments NA sales to cash lead. She enjoys hiking, reading, and spending time with family and friends and also serves on the board of education for the Washington County Career Center. She has been active as a school volunteer, mentor and tutor and has served on the school board for the past 15 years. "I am so excited for the future of our district," said Debbie. "We have wonderful students, parents, community members, and educators that care deeply about our students and their success. Thank you for your continued support of our students and our district's future."

Senior Spotlight

By: Ali Armann

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." This year's band senior class is full of talent, leadership, and potential. While their dreams are diverse, they are sure to make an impact on the world in the coming years. Now, let's meet the seniors.

Aubrionna Abbott has been playing trumpet in the marching band for 4 years. She has participated in symphonic band for 4 years, 2 years playing trumpet and 2 years playing tuba. In the future she plans to attend Bowling Green State University, majoring in Early Childhood Education. Her



favorite band memory is playing Just Dance outside of the band room before competitions.

Ali Armann has been in the marching band for 5 years. She played Clarinet for 3 years and has proudly served as the Drum Major the past 2 years. She has also participated in the symphonic band for 4 years playing clarinet. She plans to attend Ohio University, majoring in Psychology. Her favorite band memory is getting a superior rating

at state during the 2016 season.

Matthew Belcher has played trumpet in marching band for 3 years and in the symphonic band for 2 years. Next year, Matthew is heading to Bowling Green State University. He plans to major in Adolescent Math Education and minor in Psychology. His favorite band memory was going to Bands of American Grand Nationals with all his friends and getting the opportunity to see other schools from all over the United States perform.

Reed Collins has marched with the marching warriors for 6 years. During his time in marching band, he was in the front ensemble for 1 year and played trombone the other 5 years. Reed has been a member of the symphonic band for 4 years playing trombone. In the future, he would like to attend college and major in mechanical engineering. His favorite band memory is the night bus rides back

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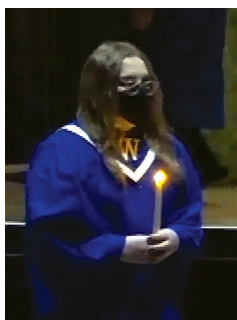


The choral department at the high school has been keeping

busy these last few months. In December, we presented the 34th Annual Holiday Concert and the 60th Annual A Cappella Christmas Concert virtually for the first time. Due to the increased COVID numbers in December, we recorded both our annual concerts in the auditorium without an audience and streamed them on YouTube. Both concerts were very well received and seen by several hundred viewers. We were also able to hold the annual alumni singing at the A Cappella Concert by creating a virtual choir. Word was spread on social media, and many alumni responded by recording themselves singing their part for *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*. These recordings were edited together and played with this year's choir during the concert. We

hope to have a live alumni sing again next year. We may also try to include a virtual alumni choir in future years for those alumni who cannot attend the concert.

Also in December, Bells 3 was one of only three groups from around the state to be featured in Ohio's annual Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting, held virtually this year. We submitted recordings for that ceremony and were honored to be included. Our recordings were also used again on the Ohio Channel during the Christmas holidays.



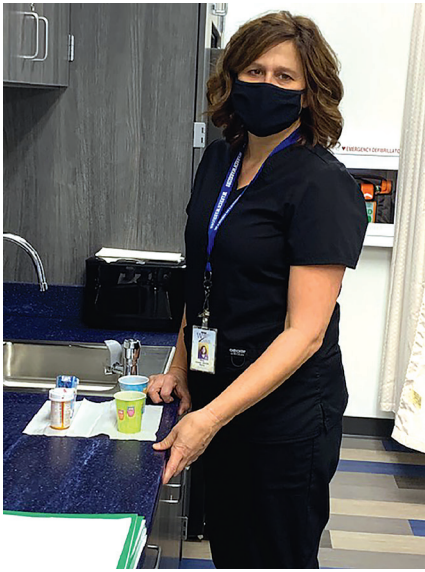
Unfortunately, we were unable to make the annual Madrigal Dinner happen this year because of COVID restrictions, but we look forward to bringing that

event to you again next year.

In other news, all the students who submitted recordings for adjudication to the Ohio Music Education Association fall solo and ensemble event received either superior or excellent ratings - we are very proud of that! Currently, choir students are preparing for the winter solo and ensemble event. Each choir is preparing some ensemble pieces using small groupings of students in that specific class. Many students are also preparing solos.

The handbell classes are looking forward to the spring and investigating all sorts of music from classical compositions to more recent pop tunes. The choral boosters are also staying active with plans for a Little Caesar's Pizza fundraiser in the near future.

Finally, we are working on creative ideas to bring a collaborative spring production to you in these COVID times. Look forward to more details on this event soon!



Welcome Denise Wasson, RN

We are pleased to announce the addition of Registered Nurse, Denise Wasson, to the school health team. Denise is excited to assist School Nurse, Missy Kemper, in promoting wellness, safety, and disease prevention that will contribute to the academic success of our Warrior students.



She is a graduate of Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Washington State Community College earning an Associate Degree of Nursing. She has been a nurse for over 16 years and has 9 years of pediatric nursing experience. Mrs. Wasson and her husband, Jeff, have two Warrior students, Lane and Brooke.

Denise can be reached at 740-445-5300 extension 4107 or at denise.wasson@warrenlocal.org.

Give Your Child's Eyes a Screen-Time Break: Here's Why...

Children spend more time than ever staring at digital screens—on computers, tablets, TVs, smartphones, and other devices. All that screen time can take a toll on a child's wellbeing, including how their eyes may feel. Staring at a screen for long stretches without taking breaks can cause symptoms such as eye fatigue, blurry vision, and dry eyes. Although children's screen time will understandably increase during the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Academy of Pediatrics encourages parents to do their best to help keep

some balance between the digital and real world. Children frequently get so absorbed in what they're doing that they don't notice symptoms of eye strain. Remind them to take breaks. The American Optometric Association recommends the 20/20/20 rule: look away from the screen every 20 minutes, focus on an object at least 20 feet away, for at least 20 seconds. In addition, children should walk away from the screen for at least 10 minutes every hour. A simple timer can help your child remember, and there are even software programs that can help by turning off the screen in regular intervals.

Water Bottles and Staying Hydrated



Please remind your student to bring a refillable water bottle to school

every day. Water fountains are not in service due to COVID-19 however, each building has water bottle filling stations. Staying hydrated helps kids stay alert and focused, can keep their bodies at a safe and healthy temperature, and may improve cognitive functioning.

See page 14 for 2021-2022 immunization reminders.

COVID-19 Guidance

We are all working to keep our students in school. We rely on our parents partnering with us in helping to protect the school community. Below is guidance for some common situations.

If a Member of Your Household Is Being Tested for COVID-19

If a member of your household is being tested for COVID-19, ALL students in the home should participate in school virtually and not come into the facility, including sports practices/games, until all test results for the other household member are received, even if they are not having symptoms.

Families should contact the school nurse if your child or a member of the household is being tested. Communications regarding the results should be shared with the school nurse as well.

If your child is a close contact of

someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

Please contact the school nurse if your child has been notified of being a close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Students should participate in school virtually and should not come into the facility or participate in sports practices/games. The school nurse will discuss a return to school date based on the recommended quarantine guidelines.

If your child or a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19

Please contact the school nurse if your child or a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19. Students should participate in school virtually and should not come into the facility or participate in sports practices/games. The school nurse will discuss a return to school date based on the recommended quarantine/isolation guidelines.

USDA Department of Defense Fruit and Vegetable Program

Warren Local Food Service has chosen to participate in the USDA Department of Defense Fruit and Vegetable Program. USDA DoD Fresh is a partnership between USDA and the Department of Defense (DoD) Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). This program leverages DoD's procurement system to provide a variety of nutritious U.S.-grown fresh fruits and vegetables to schools.

How Does It Work? Schools receive two types of support from the USDA. The majority of the support is provided in the form of cash reimbursement for the meals served. The second form of support is the ability to order foods that USDA purchases ("USDA Foods") which can make up about 15-20% of the value of the food served in the National School Lunch Program. USDA DoD Fresh is

one option that schools can use to spend their entitlement. All produce is required to be grown in the United States.



Please encourage your student to try new things.



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FOR ALL STUDENTS

USDA has extended No Cost Breakfast and Lunch to all children through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Free and Reduced Lunch applications are still accepted. If your income qualifies, you might be eligible for a school fee waiver.

Contact Food Service Supervisor, Charlene Fronko, at 740-678-2366, ext. 122, or charlene.fronko@warrenlocal.org for more information.

Looking for up-to-date Warren Local School District news and information? Check out the new features on our website:

www.warrenlocal.org



WLSD Welcomes New Transportation Supervisor ~ Scott Mitchem ~



Scott Mitchem is a Warren alumnus and is excited to be back at the Warren Local School

District. Scott has been in the transportation industry for over 15 years, and held various management positions. He has two sons.

Outside of work, he enjoys golf, attending sporting events, working out, and coaching. "I will join the varsity football coaching staff this year," added Mitchem. "I am happy to be part of The Warrior Nation again."



**SCHOOL BUS
SAFETY AWARENESS**



Ohio Traffic Laws for a School Zone

Reviewed by: Michelle Seidel,
B.Sc., LL.B., MBA

Ohio law provides for special rules regarding school zones in the state. These laws spell out precisely what can be considered a school zone, how school zones are marked, the rules that drivers must follow and the penalties drivers face for breaking the state's traffic laws regarding school zones.

Special speed limits are allowed near schools in Ohio. According to Revised Code 4511.21, the speed limit in school zones in the state is 20 mph during school recess and during the opening and closing hours of schools. Signs designating the start of the school zone are required for the speed limit to be enforceable. Signs indicating the end of the school zone are optional. Signage does not need to include flashing lights, and it also does not need to identify the hours during which the school zone speed limit is in effect.

School zones are allowed only in areas where there is a school that is chartered with the state or a non-chartered school that is approved through the state department of education. School zones do not apply to private

daycare facilities when they are not chartered with the state or otherwise approved as meeting Ohio minimum standards. School zones can apply to colleges and universities.

School zones are only allowed in certain geographic areas. They are only in effect for 300 feet before and after a given point. The point can be the school property line, the school building line or a school crosswalk location. The person in charge of roadways for the jurisdiction makes the determination of which point to use for measuring the start and stop point of school zones in Ohio.

A minor misdemeanor speeding offense in Ohio carries a

maximum possible penalty of \$150 plus court costs. Speeding in a school zone receives twice the regular penalty in some counties; thus, speeding in a school zone could warrant a penalty of as much as

\$300 plus court costs. If you are going above 35 mph in a school zone when children are on recess or coming or going from school, then you may be charged with a fourth-degree misdemeanor punishable with up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to \$250. Speeding violations in Ohio also result in points being added to a driver's license. Points remain on your license for two years. Points for speeding are based on the number of miles per hour over the speed limit the driver is going. If you reach 12 points in a two-year period, the state suspends your driving privileges for six months.



From Mr. Place's desk:

This has been a crazy 2020 and start to 2021, but the young artists at Warren High School have not broken stride. Changes had to be made to ensure the safety of all students and staff; that included the art room. Student art fees were waived, and the students were given a supply list. Items included a drawing pad and necessary tools and medium to work in class while not sharing materials as they did in the past. Students have been working from their drawing pads, taking photos of their work and uploading those photos to their Google Classroom pages for assessment and critique. This has been a challenge to some

as they wish to do more "messy" assignments, while others have flourished in this new format. If we have learned anything from this pandemic, it is that we can adapt and learn from our new styles of teaching, and combine the old and new to create greater learning and engagement.

Next school year will be so exciting, moving into a new high school, a new art room, and restructuring the old ways of learning to create exciting new adventures. One new adventure that we are excited to get rolling is a Wood/Pen Turning element as part of the 3D Design class. Students will use wooden and acrylic blanks, turn them on a lathe, fix them to pen kits, and have handmade pens they can

gift or keep their entire lives.

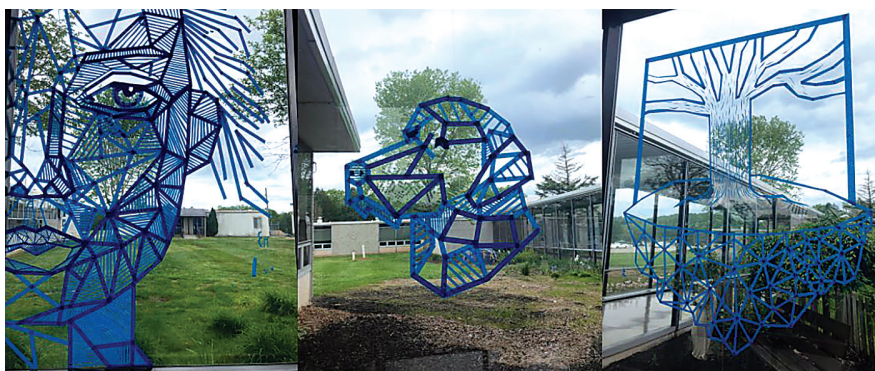
As the pandemic has provided barriers to traditional art making, we have experienced an absence in the Spring Art Exhibit and will likely have a smaller show this spring. This comes as a result of the lack of larger format artwork and the use of drawing pads and digital format assessments. As with any setback, we can look forward to brighter days and the return of the traditional art exhibits at Warren Local Schools. The students have adapted, the teachers are working beyond personal capacity, and we are dealing with the hand that is dealt to us. With this said, we will be back and stronger in the end.



Pictured from left: Mia at work; portrait with butterfly, oil on canvas - Mia Turner; and self portrait, Kelly Jackson-graphite on paper.



Pictured right: Advanced studio art window murals.





Dear Seniors and Parents,

It may not seem like it, but graduation and many other events that are considered rites of passage are just around the corner. I understand that there are many questions surrounding our plans for this spring. I wish I had more information for you at this time related to our traditional events. Unfortunately, the current situation does not really allow for an accurate prediction of spring events.

As of now (February), the senior timeline is as follows:

Prom: April 24th

Testing and Make Up Exams: May 17th-19th

Senior Awards: May 19th at 6:00pm. Event to be held in the WHS auditorium.

Graduation Practice: May 20th

at 9:00am in the WHS gym. This is required for ceremony participation.

Senior Picnic: May 20th after graduation practice

Graduation Ceremony: May 21st, 7:00pm at Dyson-Baudo Recreation Center on the campus of Marietta College.

Release Days: May 24th - May 27th (Seniors not in attendance)

Please keep in mind that, as a public school, we are bound to follow all of the Governors orders and ODH guidelines. This may result in these events being altered or locations being changed. I plan to send out some surveys to the seniors in the upcoming weeks to assist in developing alternate plans. I want to have a backup in case conditions do not improve or specific events are not granted exemptions to the governor's mass gathering ban.

In closing, I want to encourage

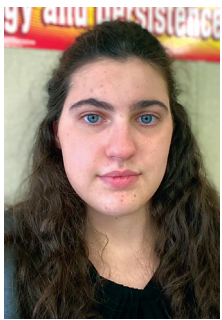
you to continue to focus on your academics. Please do not let your last semester jeopardize your graduation! You have worked too hard for that to happen. I also want to encourage you to be sure all fees are paid and that you have ordered your cap and gown. If you have not, please do so by visiting the Herff Jones website and searching: Warren High School. There are many packages available for purchase.

I will continue to monitor the situation and orders from the Governor. I will also continue to communicate with you throughout the spring. I am confident that if we all work together we can keep this spring season as something to remember! Please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ryan Lemley, Principal

Voice of Democracy Speech Contest



Warren High School had 5 students participate in the 2020-21 Veterans of Foreign Wars 'Voice of Democracy' speech contest. This contest is an annual, national contest that has students write,

record, and submit a speech on a topic about citizenship and patriotism.

This year's topic was, "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?" Sarah Watson, grade 12, has been selected as the winner at the post level. This will automatically enter her in the District/Regional competition which determines the State level competitors. Warren has established a great history in recent years winning the Marietta Post level five of the last six years.

Congratulations to Sarah for her dedication to excellence and passion for civic engagement!

Leadership Excellence

is in full swing for the second semester at WHS. Ryan Werry, Blake Campbell, and Aaron Place have an all-new roster of students eager to become better leaders in our school and global community. We started the semester in a blended learning format. This posed a challenge for our students and instructors as this class is largely a hands-on, collaborative learning format composed of many group activities. As with all other areas of learning, we adapted and are seeing the fruits of our labor as these young men and women are flourishing and growing each day. Now that we are back full time in the classroom, we can further experience this growth. Our students have learned a lot about themselves, from character trait inventories to peer analysis.

As we move forward, they can use their strengths to their advantage while further developing their subtle weaknesses. All students

have responded well to our curriculum and look forward to our class each day. It is truly a blessing to work with such motivated students and colleagues.



Pictured: WHS Leadership Excellence students working collaboratively, communicating, and working to accomplish a shared goal in the "Pipeline" game.

Mock Trial

By Mr. Johnson

As with everything, Mock Trial was more difficult this year than any other year. Because the trial was held virtually, students had to learn to be experts in "Zoom" technology, as well as legal knowledge and decorum. To say this was challenging, would be an understatement. We had students logging into trial scrimmages from home and even from their car in the parking lot at Warren High School. Ray Smith, our legal advisor, stated that this is good training because the courts are going to be virtual trials in the



Trial witnesses: Allison Glover played Justice Okafor; McCaylee Southall played private investigator, Charlie Ngyun; Katiana Alvarado played detective, River Foley; Will Randolph was Cory Abrams, the food truck owner.

future. The knowledge gained will give our students some good experience in the future practices of the courts.

This year's competition was very unique. We competed with schools across the state in district competition. We faced some very tough competition and after some heart-breaking losses, our season has come to an end. McCaylee Southall was recognized as an outstanding witness by the Ohio Center for Law Related Education (OCLRE).

The Mock Trial Team would like to thank the administration for their support and the opportunity to compete in the middle of this pandemic.



Our Legal Team: Sarah Watson, team captain and defense attorney; Ein Leonard, prosecuting attorney; Lily Herriott, prosecuting attorney; Owen Combs, defense attorney; Taylor Anderson bailiff, time keeper, law clerk.

Students Participate in Historic Election

By Mr. Johnson

While our job as the social studies department is to teach the curriculum, our goal is to provide our students civic opportunities and to encourage them to become involved in their community. One of the activities the State of Ohio offers is called, "Youth at the Booth". This program allows seventeen-year-old seniors to work the polls during an election.

We have had students participate in this program for many years. Andrea Place, a participant in this year's "Youth at the Booth" said, "It was a great opportunity and I enjoyed working with the people in my community."

This is great for the students because they learn how to serve their community and acquire job experience and the State of Ohio has a trained work force that is technologically literate. This is a common sense idea that is good for everyone involved.

Esports is Ramping Up for the Spring Season

By Mr. Vincent

The Spring season of Esports is upon us at the high school. We will be in two different leagues this season; Esports Ohio and South-eastern Ohio Esports League. This will allow each of our teams to play two games in one week. For this season we will have a Rocket League Team, Overwatch Team, and a Super Smash Brothers Team.

The Rocket league team consists of 3 players and plays like soccer: 1 Offensive player, 1 Mid Player, 1 Defensive Player. The goal of the game is to score goals using cars. Teammates must work together to make as many goals as they can in

the time limit provided.

The next team based game we have is Overwatch. This requires 6 players: 2 supports, 2 offensive players and 2 tanks. Matches are decided on a best of 3. The goal of each game mode is not as simple as Rocket League. There are different maps each with different goals to win. Some maps have a King of the Hill style where teams must hold a point longer than the other team.

Another common game mode is Escorting a cart or payload. In this game mode, one team is trying to push their cart as far as they can, while the other team tries to stop them. Matches are decided on a best of 3.

Super Smash Brothers is our individual/team game that requires

players to play for seats. The higher the seat number the better the player is. In Super Smash players play against 1 other player to try and kick them off the map. Each player uses 1 of 74 characters. Each player comes into the game with 3 stocks (or lives) that they are trying to hold on to. When one player's stocks reach zero, the other player wins. The matches are decided best of 3. We have a total of 14 players at the high school level.

Come out and play with us this season! If you know someone who would be interested in joining Warren's Esports team please email me at nathan.vincent@warrenlocal.org and let's see if we can find something for them!

We Are Warriors!

Agriscience Education

By Mr. Campbell

Students are currently focused on their Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE) as they begin to keep records for another year through AET, our online record keeping system. Many students have taken their excellent records to the next level to apply for state awards. Through AFNR, students are exploring SAE's and what will fit their needs as they develop their own SAE for this coming summer.

Animal/Plant science is busy working on their six minute speeches over an agricultural related topic along with the preparation of broiler chickens and eggs to incubate. The Agricultural Business class is working through Shark Tank as they create their own product to market and sell to

the class; anything from an automatic chicken feeder to a Glow in the Dark Feed Bucket. The Environmental Science class just wrapped up their first Ohio Seal to go on their graduation diploma; the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal. They are now working on the Ohio Agribusiness Association Industry Credential. Finally, Food Science is wrapping up learning all about dairy products and their importance. We have spent some time experimenting with milk and cheeses through different labs.



Pictured: These seniors have completed their seals and industry credentials.

FFA News

By Mr. Campbell

We are so excited to see students back for the second semester this school year. Many 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, two American Degrees, four proficiency awards, and one star award application being sent to the state level for evaluation. Many students competed in Career Development Events over the past couple months. One of the events included nature interpretation where their team placed 14th



in the state. The team was tested over their knowledge of mammals, birds, reptiles, and equipment identification.

Members also competed in Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems, testing their knowledge of machinery, equipment, electricity, and environmental natural resources. The team placed 24th in the state of Ohio. Next, students competed in the Agricultural Biotechnology contest as they were tested in areas biotechnology through lab skills and equipment.

Many community service projects were completed throughout the winter, with the two biggest being the Clothing Drive and Operation Shoebox. As a part of the Leadership Course, the students ran the community service projects for the FFA Chapter. The clothing drive was a huge success as all grade levels were able to bring in over

Game Club at WHS

Game Club is a November to the end of year club that meets after school on Wednesdays and Fridays. In this club, we play all sorts of board games (Risk), card games (Magic the Gathering) and Role Playing Games (Dungeons and Dragons). All students are invited to come whenever they can! Attendance is not mandatory and this helps allow students to come when they can and applies no pressure to them. Game Club also allows students to bring their video game systems, if they wish. This Club is mostly open ended and allows the members to choose what they want to do through the day. We do have events like Magic: the gathering drafts when enough students express interest. If you know someone that is interested in Game Club and they attend Warren High School, send an email to nathan.vincent@warrenlocal.org.

1,000 pounds of clothing. We then set up a clothing store at the high school for any student to anonymously get clothes, if needed. The remaining clothing is being donated to local food pantries.

Operation Shoebox was a way to celebrate Veterans Day at an FFA meeting, where all members brought in non-perishable items to send to soldiers overseas. We sent 15 boxes filled with goodies along with hand written thank you cards to our soldiers.

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 22-26, 2021.



Digital Publications

By Mr. Hauenstein

Digital Publications class is excited to be back from blended learning. Upon return to a regular school schedule, the class spent time assessing the difficulties experienced in trying to create a cohesive yearbook while meeting separately. The class agreed the hardest obstacles were trying to complete projects with class members working from home 3 days a week, not being in school long enough to take pictures of students and staff, and a lack of communication. These difficulties are not new, as they were also issues faced by the yearbook staff last year. The students are hopeful that the return to full time classes will eliminate the complications; however, they are preparing for

the challenge if a return to blended learning becomes necessary.

The school portraits provided from school picture day have been imported. The Digital Publications students are now faced with the daunting task of completing the yearbook by the end of April. Hitting this target will guarantee the book is printed and delivered on time.

With that being said, students are glad to be back and excited to be designing their own middle school

yearbook covers. Upon completion, the class will vote on which will be used for this year's cover. This activity not only gives them experience using the computer program necessary to design the yearbook, but also allows for opportunities to incorporate creative ideas into making the best cover possible. The students will have the ability to make slight modifications. For example, last year's students asked for permission to add facemasks

to the 0 (zeros) in the dates 2019 & 2020. This was a wonderful way for them to add some unique style, while at the same time ensuring that the year Covid-19 happened would never be forgotten.

With any luck, our regular learning schedule will continue and the class will not face any further hurdles as they work toward successfully creating another amazing yearbook.



Learning, Instruction, and Assessment Meeting

The January Learning, Instruction and Assessment meeting was held at Warren Middle School. Board members, Sidney Brackenridge and Bob Crum, along with a few WLS staff members visited Brad Hauenstein's and Terry Reiter's classroom to see the new equipment that was purchased with the Expanding Opportunities for Each Child grant. WMS principal, Brent Taylor, has

been working to develop the Career Technical Education courses.

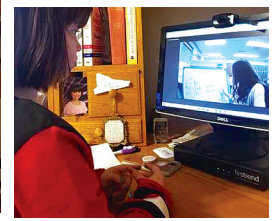
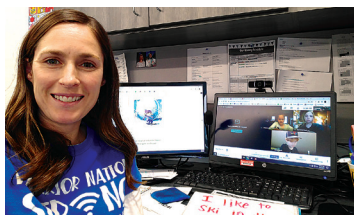
Megan Brothers, Hayden Barnes, Luke Johnson, and Mason O'Donnell gave a demonstration of what they had learned with the Vex robots. The students learned basic coding to make the robot move. In addition, student Maker Space projects and Desktop Laser System products were showcased.

The next meeting will be held on March 9, 2021, at 4:00 at Warren Elementary.



Mr. Freshour!

Learning at home



Learning from home has been quite an adventure. Pictured from left, students attend online classes with Mrs. Cole: Ashlynn is complet-

ing a writing assignment; Austin, Ashlynn, and Mackenzie are doing a Google Meet guided reading lesson; Penelope is working on her

math lesson; Raelyn is completing her math book pages; and Scarlet is watching a video of Mrs. Cole teaching contractions.

The picture of the Google Meet (below) is an example of an online, blended learning day. "The kids have done such a great job participating in our Learning at Home activities," said Mrs. Maidens.



How to Support My Student at Home During Blended/Remote Learning

We realize having children working remotely from home is challenging for many families. Listed below is a summary of suggestions by Edmentum, a leading online provider.

Help Your Child Build a Schedule: Have a well-thought-out, specific daily schedule.

Model Hard Work and Persistence: Talking to your child about your own work and goals is a great way to start.

Set up a Designated Workspace: Take into consideration quiet spaces and comfortable working areas.

Familiarize Yourself with the Virtual Learning Platform: Warren Local uses Google Classroom.

Build a Relationship with Your Child's Teachers: Our teachers can be reached via phone, email, texting, and/or the Remind App.

To read the full article visit:
<https://blog.edmentum.com/back-virtual-school-5-things-parents-can-do-support-students-virtual-course>

Virtual Teachers – In Their Own Words



During the 2020-2021 school year, Warren Local offered a Virtual Learning option to parents. Warren Elementary

Virtual Learning is a stand-alone program in which students are enrolled in Warren Local School District, are virtually instructed by Warren Local Teachers, but do not attend any in person instruction. Our virtual teachers share this new experience in their own words:

Ms. Amelia King - Kindergarten: The virtual world may have seemed intimidating at first, but being flexible and able to work well with others has made it less scary. I am very thankful to see so many families dedicated to their child's education. There are not only parents helping their children, but aunts, uncles, grandparents, babysitters, and even older siblings. Altogether, they make sure the children are getting what they need to learn and grow too. Every day, we learn something new. I am thankful for the relationships I have built with the communities supporting students. Virtual learning 2020-2021 has been a great obstacle course, but we hit it head on and I am forever grateful for the experiences I have learned this year.

Mrs. Ashley Skinner helps out with two reading groups. She sends videos of skills to add to the Google Classroom slides or read aloud activities. She is a SUPER TEACHER when it comes to making sure students get the best education, no matter where they are at or where she is at. I am thankful to have such a strong co-teacher.

Mrs. Abby Cole - First Grade: It has

been rewarding to learn some new skills this year as my students and their families have partnered with me in Virtual Learning. I miss seeing my students in person, but being able to teach and talk with them on live Google Meets has been a great experience!

Mrs. Ashleigh Hendershot - Second Grade: What a wonderful experience it has been to partner with students and families to work toward a common goal: to help our students reach their fullest potential. As always, I appreciate the families and their patience with me as we are navigating this different way of learning.

Mrs. Ellen Anthony - Third Grade: I am thankful for families who act as learning coaches! They understand that their child's success requires a partnership. Virtual teaching wouldn't work without their amazing support.

Mrs. Nerissa Hall - Fourth Grade: My fourth grade class meets daily on live Google Meets for lessons in all subject areas. Having class live on screen allows me to adjust my instruction as necessary according to how students participate, respond, and answer questions. It also provides students with an opportunity to socialize with their peers and a chance to strengthen the teacher/student relationship. The special education teacher, Mrs. Hayman, joins our ELA class every afternoon, and together we are able to provide a more personalized instruction to meet the many needs of our students.

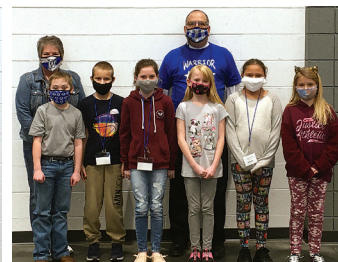
It has definitely been a challenge creating virtual lessons that will continue to engage students and keep them focused on learning goals. It is also important to provide them with plenty of Brain Breaks; a time when we get up out of our seat, exercise and move. Special thanks to all the supportive families out there along for the ride. Together we make a great team.



Pictured above: Students making "pumpkin pie in a bag" in Mrs. Maidens' class before Thanksgiving break.



Matching Friends!



We Are Star Warriors!

When I Grow UP!



Artwork from Mrs. Maidens' kindergarten class gave students a chance to think about



what they want to be when they grow up. Pictured from left: Avery – Teacher; Evan



– Paleontologist; Wyatt - Construction Worker; and Mya - Ice Cream Seller.



Warren's Bright Beginnings Preschool Welcomes You!

REGISTER NOW for the 2021-2022 school year. The Ohio Valley Educational Service Center's Bright Beginnings Preschool is located directly in the kindergarten pod of the new Warren Elementary School. We currently have two classrooms and our mission is to utilize the strengths of each child as they grow socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically so that all learners have the foundational skills necessary to enter kindergarten on track and ready to read. The staff of Bright Beginnings Preschool believes that ALL children are diverse, unique, and

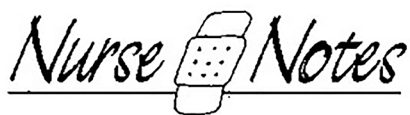
naturally curious. We offer a supportive, developmentally-appropriate environment that will provide the conditions for your child to increase their knowledge and build upon their strengths, focusing on the learning process rather than the end product.

Our main focus is literacy, but becoming literate doesn't just happen. Our teachers thoughtfully and purposely interact with children and plan experiences that support early literacy. A print-rich environment allows children to practice literacy skills in real-life experiences, combined with direct teaching of key concepts, is the foundation of learning literacy in preschool. As your child's excitement about their newfound ability to read and write increases, our teachers create multiple opportunities for continued literacy learning. Come learn with us. Go Little Warriors!

Download an application at www.ovesc.org, or call 740-373-6669.



Students recently made Christmas cards and ornaments for the residents of Appletree Assisted Living.



Immunization Reminders for Fall of 2021

Parents of current 6th grade students:

Documentation of an up-dated 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 2021. 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 student's 16th birthday must be on file at Warren High School before your child can enter the 12th grade in August of 2021. This also includes students who attend the Washington County Career Center and those who take college courses. 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.

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Band - from page 3

from football games and competitions.

Anna Crum has been in marching band and symphonic band for 4 years playing the flute. Anna plans to attend college and major in music education. Her favorite band memory is spending time with her friends at Bands of America Grand Nationals.

Akasha DeLancy has been a member of the Marching Warriors for 5 years. She played flute for 2 years and has been in color guard for 3 years. Akasha has been a member of the symphonic band for 3 years playing the flute. She would have loved to be a member of the symphonic band this year, but she has opted for virtual schooling due to the pandemic. In her future, Akasha would like to attend a four-year college or university and major in music. Her favorite band memory is getting the opportunity to perform at Bands of American Grand Nationals twice.

Katie Ferguson has been playing trumpet in the marching band for 2 years. Katie plans to attend Bowling Green State University and major in film production. Her favorite band memory is getting to experience everything at Bands of America Grand Nationals.

Gracie Gill has been marching saxophone for 5 years and she was a member of the symphonic band for 2 years playing the saxophone before she began going to Washington County Career Center. In her future, Gracie would like to attend Washington State Community College and pursue a degree in nursing.

Maegan Hall has been a member of the Marching Warrior color guard for 4 years. Maegan would like to start her future by working locally. She plans to move to New York and pursue a career on Broad-

way.

Cameron Hendrickson has been a member of the drumline for 5 years and was a member of the symphonic band percussion section for 2 years before going to the Washington County Career Center. Cameron would like to attend college and major in Computer Science. His favorite band memory was getting a superior rating at state during the 2016 season.

Justin Pate has been a member of marching band and symphonic band for 4 years. He is also a member of the track and cross country team. Justin will be attending college and will major in mechanical engineering. His favorite band memory is making a giant tape ball at craft fair set up.

Josie Swaney has been a member of the Marching Warrior color guard for 4 years. She served as the captain during her senior year. Josie is undecided about her plans for the future. Her favorite band memory was going to Kennywood and getting to be in their parade.

Our last senior is **Aaliyah Ware-hime**. She has been a member of the marching band for 5 years and a member of the symphonic band for 4 years playing flute or piccolo. Aaliyah would like to attend medical school. Her favorite band memory is the bus rides back from football games and competitions.

Our 13 seniors are very excited for their futures and will never forget the memory and the band program that made them who they are. We never walk alone and good luck seniors!





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WHS SWIMMING

COVID-19 couldn't stop the Warriors from jumping into the water this winter. With very few options for a pool in the Mid-Ohio Valley, the Warriors found a home at the Boys and Girls Club of Parkersburg. The Warriors ventured out and were able to compete at Steubenville High School five times in preparation for Sectionals. Martins Ferry high school and Steubenville high school provided multiple opportunities to compete against other teams within the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference.

With only nine on the girls varsity team, the athletes proved that Warren Local should not be ignored. At the Ohio Valley Swim Invite, the girls placed 7th overall out of 15 teams. Highlighting the meet, the relay team (Lily Herriott,



Sage Husted, Fiona McHenry, and Ashley Miller) claimed 5th and 4th place in the 200 Medley Relay and the 200 Freestyle Relay.

As the season comes to an end, the teams will start to focus on goals for next season and what will need to be done to prepare for next winter. The goals include; recruiting, strength training, and conditioning.

WHS Boys Team: Kodi Reynolds, Drew Vincent

WHS Girls Team: Becca Ball, Josie Corbitt, Lily Herriot, Jori Husted, Sage Husted, Fiona McHenry, Ashley Miller, Angel Smith, Tori Wittekind

Coaches: Samantha Benito and Jenny Miller

