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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

With April drawing to a close this week, it seems unbelievable that we are beginning the home stretch toward commencement and the completion of the 2022-2023 school year. The fourth marking period is under way, the Wizards' spring seasons are in full swing, and outstanding musical productions have been staged across the district -- all tell-tale signs of springtime in education.

Students are excited for proms, awards banquets, spring concerts. Seniors are counting the days until graduation and beginning their new career and college adventures. Of course, all students and staff are looking forward to another summer of relaxation and reflection. In the coming weeks, I will also have the privilege of announcing our 2023 valedictorian and salutatorian.

In every way, this is a celebratory time of year, and it is with that in mind, that I remind students and families that this can also be a dangerous time of year. You all deserve to celebrate your hard work and its outcomes, and I urge you to do it responsibly. Exercise good judgment and make good choices as you gather with friends and family.

Finally, thank you to the more than 50 agencies who responded to the brush fire at Round Hill Mountain earlier this month. The persistence of the first responders and volunteers who battled the fire is what made our quick and safe return to Round Hill Elementary possible. We appreciate you and the service you provide to our community.

Dr. Larry Washington
Superintendent of Schools

WIZARDS ESPORTS CLUB TO HOST STUDENT/TEACHER GAMING TOURNEY

Wizards Esports Club is hosting a fundraiser for the esports program. Get ready for the inaugural Last Wizard Standing Esports Tournament! Students and teachers will team up to play Minecraft, and ALL aspects of the tournament will be handled by students enrolled in the new Video Game and Esports Production class!

[Read more about the tournament and get your tickets here.](#)



MOCK TRIAL TEAM GETS THE DECISION

Washingtonville faced Goshen in the Orange-Ulster BOCES Mock Trial finals. Goshen played the plaintiff, while Washingtonville played the defense in this year's fictitious case: Remington Stone v. Marley Miser and Acme Construction Company. Supervising judge for all city courts in the ninth judicial district presided over the trial.

[Read more here.](#)

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM HEADS TO WEST POINT FOR 2023 COMPETITION

We are proud of our Special Olympics team! The Wizards have participated in the track and field games since 2006. This year, seven high school and one student from the middle school Aspire class will participate in the games at West Point. Join us in wishing them good luck!

[Read more about the Wizards Special Olympics team here.](#)



HIGH SCHOOL ODYSSEY TEAM QUALIFIES FOR WORLD FINALS

Our excitement is mounting as we await the results of the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals, where the high school Odyssey team is competing this week! On the strength of their outstanding performance at the New York State Finals two weekends ago, the team captured the top spot in New York state in Division III of the problem "Where's the Structure". In fact, they won their division by more than 25 points over their nearest competitor.

The team had to design and build a balsa wood and glue structure to balance and hold as much weight as possible. The performance also had to feature an original poem. Their structure held 711 pounds!

GOOD LUCK at Michigan State University and the OOTM World Finals! [Read/see more about OOTM here.](#)



SENIORS RECEIVE HUMANITIES AWARDS

Seniors Grace Gorczynski and Hailey Leonard received the 2023 OU BOCES Humanities Award. The award recognizes students for outstanding work in the arts and humanities. [Read more about the awards here.](#)



BGTV IS ON THE AIR!

Watch weekly episodes of BGTV - Blue & Gold TV!

Every episode is produced completely by Washingtonville high school students, with focus on events, issues, and interests around the high school community.

[Watch the April 14, 2023 edition here.](#)

[Subscribe to the BGTV YouTube channel here.](#)



WHAT'S UP IN WIZARDS NATION

Wizards Madison Brown and David Rodriguez were selected as 2023 OCIAA Scholar-Athletes. Congratulations!

The award is given to students who meet four guidelines:

- Top 20% class ranking
- Participation in at least one varsity sport
- Above average athlete
- Outstanding citizenship

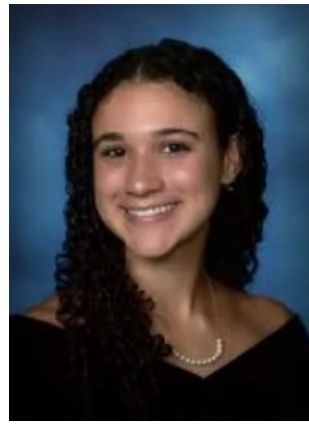
Congratulations to Wizards basketball players Zion Lynch and Nazier Sanders! Both were named OCIAA Coaches Association Class AA All-Stars, and BCANY Section IX Class AA All-Stars.

The Wizards varsity flag football team opened its inaugural season against the Valley Central Vikings.

This is the first time in Wizards history that the sport is being offered. Thank you to the NY Jets for sponsoring and donating equipment, uniforms, training opportunities and monetary assistance.

[Read more about the Wizards flag football team here.](#)

[The Washingtonville Wizards Winter 2023 Season Recap is available online! Check it out here.](#)



UPCOMING DISTRICT DATES

May 2, 2023

- Meet the Candidates Night

May 3, 2023

- Senior Showcase

May 4, 2023

- Board of Ed Work Session

May 11, 2023

- Board of Ed Business Meeting

May 12-13, 2023

- Art Show

May 16, 2023

- Budget Vote

May 17, 2023

- WHS Chorus Concert

May 18, 2023

- WHS Band Concert

May 25, 2023

- Cabaret Night

May 26, 2023

- Student Coalition Hope Ball

Remember...

- Graduation!
 - June 22, 2023

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