



# Warren Local School District

220 Sweetapple Rd., Vincent (740) 678-2366

Summer 2023

## Welcome Back to School

**The 2023-2024 school year is about to begin, and we are excited to get started!**



With the first day of school just a few days away, summer break is quickly winding down. I hope you all enjoyed some fun-filled, memorable adventures and found some time to relax during your time off from school.

There have been many projects going on throughout the district during these summer months. Hats off to our custodians and maintenance crews

who have been hard at work over the summer getting the campus ready for our students and staff to arrive.

We are pleased to welcome many new teachers to our staff. You can find their pictures and bios on pages 2-3. Also new to the district, is Warren Local alumnus, Mr. Kyle Scott. Mr. Scott will be the new assistant principal at the elementary school. You will find his picture and bio on page 12.

In closing, welcome to the 2023 – 2024 school year; to every member of our faculty, support staff, parents, and

especially to our students, both new and returning. It is for them that we all strive to do our best to make their educational goals become a reality.

We are all in this together, and

### WE ARE WARRIORS!

*Kyle Newton ~ Superintendent*

#### What's new?

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## Exciting times for the Operations and Transportation Departments

We are continuing to make great progress on multiple projects around the campus. The focus over the summer has shifted to smaller projects that are making a great impact on the look throughout the campus. While the operations department has completed many projects, some of the more noticeable to the eye items include:

~ Several painting projects have been completed, creating a cohesive look throughout the campus.

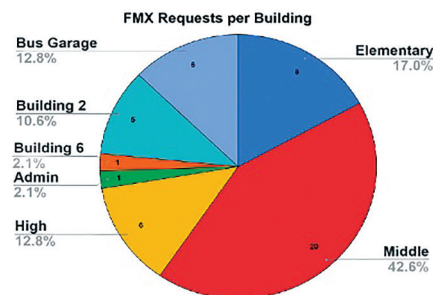
~ The old concession stand has had the windows/doors in-filled with block, and received a fresh coat of paint, new roofing and gutters. This building will be used for athletic storage.

~ The new concession stand is projected to be ready by the first home football game. This new facility will boast large bathrooms with ample restroom facilities, space for ticket and concession sales.

~ New paving and fencing will enhance the overall appearance of the concession/pavilion area.

~ The soccer press box has been completely renovated with the addition of a new ceiling and lighting.

The graphic (below) represents the maintenance requests received throughout the 2022-2023 school year.



Another huge improvement is the addition of a new office building for the transportation department. While not on the main campus, the trans-



portation office is a major hub for the district. We were able to utilize students from Washington County Career Center (WCCC) to build the new office building. It was built from the ground up throughout the 22-23 school year on site at the WCCC by students in the Building Technology/Carpentry and Electricity Programs

Once completed, it was moved to its new home next to the administration building on Sweetapple Road. This new building has two office spaces; a large conference room and a

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## **Abby Ball - ES Grade 2**

Abby recently graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 2022, where she earned degrees in elementary education and Spanish. She completed her first year of teaching in Tennessee. In July, she married her husband, who is an Ohio native, and the reason she is now in the area. "I enjoy adventures, playing sports, and being outdoors. I am so thrilled to be teaching at Warren!"



## **Amy Buchman - HS Guidance Counselor**

Amy is a 2000 graduate of Warren High School. She graduated from Ohio University in 2004 and 2006, with a bachelors degree in Psychology, and a masters degree in Counselor Education. Amy has been a school counselor for the past seventeen years, with experience in all grade levels. Most recently, she was the school counselor at Federal Hocking Middle/High School for eleven years. In her spare time, she enjoys time with her family, traveling, camping and cheering for the Cleveland Browns.

## **Peyton Cochran - ES KG**



Peyton is an Ohio University graduate with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She comes from Belpre Elementary School, where she taught for six years in kindergarten and first grade. In addition to teaching, she was the head track and field coach for Belpre

High School. She enjoys spending time with her husband and two children, being outside, and baking. "I'm excited to start my journey as a Warrior!"

## **Madison Craig - MS Grades 5/6 Math**



Madison is from McConnelsville, Ohio, where she graduated from Morgan High School in 2020. She graduated in the spring from Ohio

University with a Bachelor's degree in Middle Childhood Education. Madison is currently in graduate school at Ohio University working towards obtaining a masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction. Outside of the classroom she loves traveling, hiking, and playing piano. "I am so excited to begin my teaching career at Warren Middle School!"

## **Brandon Daughety- HS Chemistry**



Brandon graduated from Warren High School in 2011. He attended Harding University where he earned his B.S. in Chemistry and then

Illinois State University where he received his M.S. in Chemistry Education. Brandon comes to WHS from Cabot High School in Cabot, Arkansas, where he has spent the last seven years teaching AP and Honors Chemistry. Outside of school, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Joanna, and their two sons.

## **Ashley Ditty - HS Intervention Specialist**



Ashley has a bachelors of social science from Portland State University, a masters in teaching from Muskingum College as a moderate/intensive intervention specialist. Ashley will be working with students in the Pioneer Pipeline at Marietta College in addition to continuing to provide district-wide

behavioral support. Outside of school hours, Ashley enjoys spending time on her farm with her family and friends, as well as traveling. She is excited to join the Warren family.

## **Baylee Garrett - MS Grades 7/8 ELA**



Baylee was a 2014 graduate of Morgan Local Schools. After high school, she attended Heidelberg University, where she studied middle child-

hood education and was a member of the track team. In 2018, she began her teaching career at Waterford Elementary where she spent the last five school years teaching and coaching. In her free time, Baylee enjoys running, traveling, gardening, and spending time with her family. She is excited about the next step in her teaching career as a Warrior.

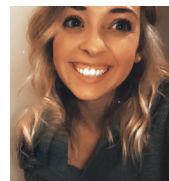
## **Kylie Kincaid - HS Intervention Specialist**



Kylie graduated from Belpre High School in 2007. She earned her bachelors degree from The Ohio State University in human ecology

with a focus in early childhood education. She went on to study at OU, where she obtained her masters degree in special education. For the last four years, she served as Wolf Creek Local's Special Education Director. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling and spending time with friends and family. She and her husband have two small children who keep them busy. "I am very excited to join the Warriors this fall and return to the classroom again!"

## **Emily Klinger - ES Grade 1**



Emily graduated from Marietta College in 2020 and began her career at Marietta Elementary, teaching fourth grade. She grew up, and lives in Waterford. In her spare time, Emily

enjoys reading, being outside, watching sports, and spending time with her family and friends. "I am excited to teach first grade at Warren, where I did my student teaching with the first grade staff! I can't wait for the school year to start and be back at Warren where everybody is so welcoming and supportive."

#### **Kayla Norman - MS Grades 7/8 Math**



Since she was young, Kayla has had a passion for teaching. In 2019, Kayla graduated from WVU Parkersburg with her Bachelor's Degree in Education. Since then, she has taught in the Wood County School District. Kayla and her husband have two children and live in the Warren Local District. She enjoys spending her free time outside with her family and pets! Kayla is excited to be part of the Warrior family!

#### **Katie Oinonen - HS ELA**



Katie graduated from Ohio University in 2020 with a bachelor's degree in Journalism. After almost three years in TV News, she recently obtained her teaching license from Ohio State University. In her free time, Katie loves watching movies, going to concerts and spending time with her family and her cat, Pineapple. She is looking forward to being back in southeastern Ohio and becoming a Warren Warrior!

#### **Rod Rauch - HS Industrial Technology**



Rod grew up in the area and formerly taught a variety of Tech Ed courses at WHS for 37 years, retiring in 2017. He earned education degrees at Ohio University and Marietta College. Rod has been active as a home builder/remodeler, custom cabinet builder and furniture maker

for forty years. "I'm really excited to help young people learn how rewarding it is to build with their own hands, formulate designs, learn useful skills and prepare for productive lives."

#### **Sydney Ritchey - ES Intervention Specialist**



Sydney is a recent graduate of Marietta College, with degrees in both elementary education and intervention. She completed her student teaching at Warren Elementary and is excited to officially join the staff and the first grade team. In her free time, Sydney enjoys spending time with her husband, family, and friends. "I am excited to be a Warren Warrior!"

#### **Tkeirston Sams - ES KG**



Tkeirston graduated in 2021 with a bachelors degree in elementary education. She spent her first two years teaching kindergarten at Belpre Elementary School. "I am very excited to continue my career teaching kindergarten at Warren Elementary School. We are currently building our house in Fleming, so it is special to me that I get to teach in the district." In her free time, she LOVES going skiing, boating, and camping.

#### **Jessica Smith - ES KG**



Jessica graduated from Ohio Dominican University in 2012, and earned a masters in educational leadership in 2019. Jessica taught at Marietta for the last nine years. During that time, she started out teaching kindergarten, and has taught first grade for the last seven years. In her spare time, she likes to spend time with her family, enjoys the outdoors and going on their boat during the summer season. "I am very excited to be a Warren Warrior!"

#### **Damien Spencer - HS ELA**



Damien graduated from The University of Rio Grande. He's done a little bit of everything in his life, but ultimately decided to work toward his lifelong goal of being a teacher. He grew up in Pomeroy, Ohio, but now lives in Mason, West Virginia with his wife, Breanna, and their socially acceptable zoo. Damien thinks that the classroom should be a place for learning, not just from the teacher, but from one another.

#### **Katleen Wells - HS Intervention Specialist**



Katie is from Little Hocking, Ohio and graduated from Fort Frye High School. She received her bachelors degree from Marietta College and recently completed her endorsement as an intervention specialist through The Ohio State University. Katie joined Warren Local Schools last year as a long-term substitute teacher, in addition to serving as the head softball coach. She and her husband, Aaron, have four daughters and reside in Vincent.

#### **Anthony Zaleski - HS PE**



Tony is a 2015 graduate of Ohio University with a bachelors degree in exercise physiology. He spent the last two years teaching physical education and strength and conditioning at Licking Heights High School in Pataskala. Tony has coached both cross country and track and field since 2016 at New Lexington and Licking Heights. He enjoys being active and traveling with his family during the summer. He resides in Athens with his wife and two cats.

We are pleased to welcome these outstanding teachers to our Warrior Nation!

## Back to School: School Nurse Tips

Missy Kemper  
District School Nurse



Health plans need to be renewed each school year. This includes emergency health plans, allergy health plans, asthma health plans, diabetic health plans, seizure action plans, special procedure orders, and medication orders. Please contact the school nurse if you have questions or need forms. Forms can also be found on Final Forms.

A medication administration consent form must be completed by a healthcare provider and signed by parent/guardian for any prescription medication to be given at school. All medication must be brought to the school office by the parent/guardian and be in an original bottle with appropriate labels. Forms can be found on Final Forms.

If your child has any acute or chronic health problems or surgery, please inform the school nurse. Please update with changes throughout the school year.



If your child is in kindergarten, grade 7, or grade 12, please provide documentation of updated school required vaccines.

### FALL 2023 VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** All 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must have a second dose of meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) given on or after the student's 16th birthday. Documentation of this vaccine must be on record at Warren High School before the first day of school. Students who take college courses and those who attend the Washington County Career Center must also provide this documentation to Warren High School.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students must have documentation of a meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) along with an updated tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) booster. Documentation of these vaccines must be on record at Warren Middle School before

the first day of school.

**Kindergarten:** All kindergarten students must have documentation of the following vaccines:

DTap/DT - 5 doses (Dose 5 only required if 4<sup>th</sup> dose was given prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)

Polio - 4 doses (Dose 4 only required if 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was given prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)

Hepatitis B - 3 doses (the final dose must be given after age 6 months)

MMR - 2 doses

Varicella - 2 doses (or documentation of having the disease)

Documentation of these vaccines must be on record at Warren Elementary before the first day of school this fall.

Vaccine records can be dropped off at the school office, faxed to 740-445-5301, emailed to the school nurse at [melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org](mailto:melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org), or mailed to Warren Local Schools, Attention: School Nurse, 220 Sweetapple Road, Vincent, Ohio 45784.

If you have questions, please contact Missy Kemper, RN, School Nurse at 740-445-5300, ext. 4807 or [melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org](mailto:melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org).



### Medication at School



If your student needs to take prescription medication during school hours or have an emergency medication available, please have your child's healthcare provider complete a medication form over the summer. The form

is available on Final Forms or by emailing your school nurse at [melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org](mailto:melissa.kemper@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.

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.



## Welcome back to school!

Charlene Fronko  
Food Service Supervisor

Summer break is coming to a close, and the new school year is almost here! We hope everyone got to enjoy some of the yummy, healthy treats that summer provides; fresh berries and peaches, watermelon and cantaloupe, cucumbers and green beans, and.....corn-on-the-cob! Mmm...fresh summer produce is delicious and so good for you.



The food service department will be attending a Food Safety Training and Certification seminar before the new school year begins. This annual event is offered by the Ohio State University Extension of Washington County. The one-day course provides participants with the most up-to-date food service guidelines from the Ohio Department of Health and ServSafe. Information topics include some of the many aspects of safely handling food, such as proper food temperatures, as well as correct food preparation and serving.

We also enjoy looking for new and

exciting ways to satisfy those hungry appetites. Menus are always changing to reflect the latest options for both breakfast and lunch. Our monthly menus are always available on our website ([warrenlocal.org](http://warrenlocal.org)), giving parents and students an opportunity to plan ahead for their favorite choices.

All meal prices will remain the same as last year. Welcome back!

### 2023-2024 Breakfast & Lunch Prices

Breakfast- No cost for all students

Reduced Lunch- No cost for qualifying students

Elementary/Middle School Lunch - \$2.10

High School Lunch - \$2.40



## School Payments Made Easy

With the new school year just around the corner, please take this time to check your student's meal account balance online through **MySchoolBucks.com** or via the free online app. If their balance is getting low, you can securely fund their account using your credit/debit card or an echeck. You also have the option to set up Auto Pay, which will automatically fund

their account when the balance drops below an amount you specify.

If you need assistance with your account, you can find helpful how-to videos and answers to commonly asked questions by visiting **[myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com)**. You can contact MySchoolBucks directly by logging into your account to start a chat conversation, or give them a call at (855) 832-5226.

this school year a successful one by encouraging your child to eat a healthy breakfast every day.

Breakfast is provided for all Warren Local School students at no cost. Contact the building secretary or food service supervisor to find out just how easy it is for your child to jump-start their day the healthy way. Yummy!



**Don't Forget—  
Breakfast is  
Brain Food!**

Starting the day with a healthy breakfast helps to provide students with the energy needed for a full day of learning. Help make

**FREE &  
REDUCED  
LUNCH  
Application**



## No more paper!

**MySchoolApps** is now available for Free and Reduced Applications. No more paper applications to complete and return to the school office. Apply for meal benefits/fee waivers online from the privacy of your home, or anywhere with an internet connection at [www.myschoolapps](http://www.myschoolapps).

**MY  
SCHOOL  
Apps**

Contact Charlene Fronko, Food Service Supervisor, if you have any questions: 740-678-2366 ext. 3810 or [charlene.fronko@warrenlocal.org](mailto:charlene.fronko@warrenlocal.org)



## Safety Tips For Parents

Safety begins at the bus stop. Your child should arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Before school begins, take your child to the bus stop and show them where to wait for the bus, at least five giant steps (ten feet) away from the road. Remind your child that the bus stop is not a place to run or play.

When the school bus arrives, your child should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, the door opens, and the driver says it's okay before approaching the bus door. Instruct your child to use the handrails when boarding the bus to avoid slips and falls.

Teach your child to always use caution around the bus, and never walk behind a school bus. If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, tell him/her to walk along the street to a place at least five giant steps (10 feet) in front of the bus before

# School Bus Safety:

## BE ALERT! Keep an eye out for red flashing lights

crossing. Your child should also make eye contact with the bus driver and wait for the driver's hand signal before crossing the road. If your child drops something near the school bus, like a ball or book, the safest thing is for your child to tell the bus driver right away. Your child should not try to pick up the item, but always stay in a position where the driver can see him/her.

## Safety Tips For Drivers

**Last year, we had several vehicles run the red flashing lights on our school buses, specifically on 339 and 550. If you are driving in your car and you see the red flashing lights, this means a child is potentially crossing the street. Please, be mindful and alert and come to a stop.**

You can make school transportation safer when you follow these practices:

When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking to school or waiting at the bus stop.

When driving in neighborhoods, watch out for students who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking about getting there safely.

Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.

Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the road without looking for traffic.



Obey the school bus laws of our state, as well as the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of their next action:

Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload students. Motorist should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.

Red flashing lights and extended stop sign indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorist should stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing.

Let's work together to keep our kids safe!

*Alicia Jaramillo~*  
Transportation Supervisor



**Here Comes the Bus®**

## DOWNLOAD THE HERE COMES BUS PHONE APP

"Here Comes the Bus Phone APP" - What does this mean for you?

- \* Real-Time Alerts on Bus Arrival with in two miles of your residence.
- \* Live Lookup of Bus Location
- \* Custom Targeted Messaging

## Sign Up Instructions for Parents:

1. Download the HCTB app or visit [herecomesthebus.com](http://herecomesthebus.com)
2. Click the "Sign Up" button
3. Enter school code 29426 and click "Next" followed by "Confirm"
4. Complete the "User Profile" box
5. Under "My Students," click "Add." Enter your child's last name and student ID number
6. Once you confirm your information, you're ready to begin.

## Drivers Needed

School bus drivers are in great demand. We offer our own bus driver training program at no cost to you. Sub bus drivers gain valuable experience, giving them a jump-start when a vacancy occurs.

We would be happy to answer any questions you might have to get you started. Please contact our transportation supervisor, Alicia Jaramillo, at 740-678-2368, ext. 5805.



## Thinking of buying a computer for your student? Consider a Chromebook.



### Why Google?

Warren Local Schools, along with over 90 million students and educators worldwide, utilizes Google Workspace for Education. Google Workspace for Education is a collection of free online applications, all of which synchronize and flow together and integrate into existing course materials. These applications do not reside on a computer itself, but are accessed through a web browser. This is considered working in the "cloud". The benefit of this structure allows flexibility in accessing documents and projects from ANY computer or mobile device with Internet access. Staff

and students can access their school documents from a computer lab, the classroom, the public library and even from home!

### Why Chromebooks?

Chromebooks are laptop computers that utilize Google's browser, Chrome via the internet. Through Google's Admin Console, the district can set permissions for all users and devices. There are many advantages using Chromebooks in the classroom.

**1. Chromebooks are safe and secure.** They aren't susceptible to any known viruses and all data stored is encrypted.

**2. Chromebooks are cost effective.** Because Chromebooks use web-based applications, data is not stored directly on a Chromebook. Therefore, less storage is needed than a regular

laptop.

**3. Our Teachers Utilize Google Classroom.** Google Classroom is a free Learning Management System where teachers can post lessons, questions, and announcements online. Teachers also utilize Google Forms to create online quizzes for students.

### What does Warren Use?

At Warren, we have been purchasing Asus and HP Chromebooks. These have been chosen because of their rubberized outer-shell that is designed to surpass military grade MIL-STD-810G durability standards. With their durability, these Chromebooks will hold up better over time.

The HP 14" model sells for \$219

The Asus 14" model sells for \$219

## Where can I look to find information regarding.....? [www.warrenlocal.org](http://www.warrenlocal.org)

**Final Forms** is our paperless, electronic way of collecting annual student information; including medical, emergency contact information, and busing to name a few. This process eliminates the multiple paper forms that had to be filled out every year, saving both time and money. Once the initial information is entered into Final Forms, the data carries over from year to year, making it simple to review and/or update what we already have on file for your students. Parents must review/update and electronically submit the required annual forms for their students. Please note: emails will be sent out periodically throughout the year for new forms to be completed.

You can now begin to complete/update information for the 23-24 school year. To access Final Forms on our website, select Quick Links > Final Forms. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

**PowerSchool** is our Student Information System. It allows us to monitor enrollment, grade, assignments and

other information.

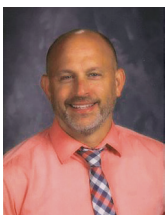
**Parent Portal**, part of the PowerSchool system, provides families with access to their student(s) information; including grades and attendance. It is very important that ALL parents/guardians sign up in PowerSchool. To sign up, please email: [parentportal@warrenlocal.org](mailto:parentportal@warrenlocal.org).

**School Messenger** is a communication application that will send out emails to all parents/guardians. In addition, the school and district uses this communication pathway to phone parents directly with important messages. It is very important that ALL parents/guardians receive school messages. If you are unsure how to receive school messages, please contact the school office.

**MySchoolBucks** is an on-line service that allows parents the convenience of securely paying for student meals. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Charlene Fronko, food service supervisor at 740-678-2366 ext. 3810 or email [charlene.fronko@warrenlocal.org](mailto:charlene.fronko@warrenlocal.org).

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## WELCOME BACK

I hope everyone has had a great summer and that you are all ready to get back to school! Student sched-

ules were released online on August 9th. Please note that the PowerSchool app will not show schedules until school starts. Please use the PowerSchool link on the district website.

Additionally, this year we will be holding an open house, August 18, for Juniors and Seniors from 3:00-4:00 pm and for Freshman and Sophomores from 4:00-5:00 pm. If you have the time, please come see us!

## New Career Pathway Offered at WHS



New for the 2023-2024 school year, Warren High School is excited to offer a career pathway that focuses on Information Technology. This pathway

I would also like to add that the Warrior Hall of Honor is accepting nominations for the 2022-23 induction class! A recipient will be selected on the following basis: Achievement while a student within the Warren Local School District, Outstanding achievement in vocational pursuits, contributions to the community, significant philanthropic involvement or other criteria brought before the board.

If you know of someone worthy of this honor, please feel free to nominate them by completing the nomination form on the website under the parent/community resources. Please complete the form and return

will be taught by Mr. Nathan Vincent. Pursuing this area of study could lead to careers in cyber security, which is currently a field in high demand. The courses students will be able to take include; Information Technology, Programming, Computer Hardware, and Computer Software. We are excited to see where Mr. Vincent will take this new course of study!



to the high school office or mail to: Ryan Lemley - Warren High School, 130 Warrior Drive, Vincent OH, 45784. Nomination forms are due to the office by August 31.

I am looking forward to this school year and to working with each of you to provide the best possible opportunities for our kids! If you have any questions, please contact the high school office. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will see you soon!

Sincerely,

*Ryan Lemley ~ Principal*



## Ben Rinehart Named WHS Girls Head Soccer Coach



Coach Rinehart joins the Warriors after a highly successful coaching career in West Virginia. Some of his accolades include the WV High School Soccer Coaches Association Coach of the Year and the United States Soccer Coaches Association Small School Coach of the Year.

"We are so pleased with his decision to join us. We are confident that our girls soccer program will continue to thrive. I could not be happier for our girls soccer players, their families, and the fans of Warrior Nation," said WLSD athletic director, Steve Harold.

Coach Rinehart commented, "I couldn't be more excited and thankful for the opportunity to take over the Warren girls soccer program. My wife and I are so excited for our family to become engrained in the Warrior Nation! I am looking forward to getting started."

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual WOW Awards

May 23, 2023 - The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "WOW" Awards (**W**arren **O**utstanding **W**arrior Awards) were held in the spring at the Porterfield Baptist Church. The award show honored the best of Warren athletics for the 2022-23 school year. A total of 23 awards were presented to various athletes, coaches, teams, fans, and community members in a production similar to the ESPN Espy's.

The evening featured an appearance by Brigadier General, Matthew S. Woodruff, the current Adjutant General of the Ohio Army National Guard, and several other ranking officials of the United States Army and the Ohio Army National Guard. Ohio State Football staffers, Ed Terwilliger and Larry Romanoff (retired), were also featured. During the show, General Woodruff awarded WHS alum (class of 1963), Jerry Richards, with the "Home-town Hero" award for his service with the United States Army in Vietnam. Sergeant Richards was a veteran of the Vietnam War and a Purple Heart recipient. He, and his wife Sharon, are

proud to have fostered over 60 children during their 59 years of marriage.

Following the Awards show, the "After Party" was held, offering food, drinks, ice cream, photos and fellowship.

Award Winners, presented by alums of the WHS sports program, included: Top Team GPA – Girls Cross Country; Senior Scholar Athlete – Male – Edward Kehl; Senior Scholar Athlete – Female – Jillianne Stemple; Play of the Year – Sydney Starcher smashes 28-year High Jump record; Moment of the Year – Hayley Snyder wins 4<sup>th</sup> State Individual Wrestling Title; Fan of the Year – Patty Shawd; Makin' A Difference Volunteer of the Year – Renee Parks; Breakthrough Performance Award – Sydney Starcher; Strive for Excellence Award – Mason Francis; Courage Award – Payton Alloway; Team of the Year – Girls Wrestling; Coach of the Year – Jeff Parsons; Freshman Athlete of the Year-Female – Sydney Starcher; Freshman Athlete of the Year – Male – Tanner Pepper; Sophomore Athlete of the Year-Female – Mackenzie James-McGuire; Sophomore Athlete

of the Year – Male – Mason Francis; Junior Athlete of the Year - Female – Kylee Tait; Junior Athlete of the Year – Male – Trent Taylor; Senior Athlete of the Year-Female – Alex Frazee; Senior Athlete of the Year – Male – Ayden Cornell.

Three new awards were added this year: Woody Hayes Team of Excellence – Girls Basketball; Buckeye Excellence in Leadership Award – Ayden Cornell; MMC Outstanding Warrior Award – Hayley Snyder.

The Co-Title sponsors of the 2023 WOW Awards were the United States Army and the Ohio Army National Guard.

Pictured: Jerry Richards with his wife, Sharon, and Brigadier General, Matthew S. Woodruff, Adjutant General, Ohio Army National Guard.



## Career Mentoring

### BECOME A CAREER MENTOR VOLUNTEER!

The BB2C Career Mentor Program matches local volunteers from a variety of professional backgrounds with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Career mentors are trained volunteers who spend time with their student(s) during the school day. Together, a student and career mentor will:

- \* **Develop and work on goals for the student**
- \* **Build life and professional skills, such as organization, focus, teamwork & communication**
- \* **Explore different careers and career pathways based on the student's interest**

**\* Create supportive relationships to help the student succeed**

Students and their mentors also attend events together throughout the year, including networking meet-and-greets at their school and an annual all-program gathering at Marietta College.

~For more information, contact:

Barb Schafer  
Mentor Coordinator  
740.370.6399 ext. 4  
bschafer@BB2Careers.org  
BB2Carrers.org/careermentoring





## Welcome back, STUDENTS!



Welcome back Warriors!!!! WMS had a very successful 2022-2023 school year regarding our state testing. The staff

and students did a wonderful job in each tested area of math, ELA and science. Our students had the highest score in 7 of the 10 assessments and the second highest in another assessment, as compared to the area schools throughout southeast Ohio.

### Student drop-off reminder

Students should not be dropped off at WMS prior to 7:00 am. Students in sixth and eighth grade will enter the school building this year and go to the gym to sit down in the bleachers and wait until the 7:20 am bell. Students in fifth and seventh grade will enter and sit in the cafeteria until the 7:20 am bell. All students wanting breakfast will be encouraged to grab breakfast as they enter and take their breakfast to the cafeteria.

Parents dropping off students will need to drop students behind the elementary school in the parking lot near the soccer field. Students will walk down the sidewalk and enter through the gym entrance. Parents are not permitted to drop off students in front of the middle school; only buses are

permitted to drop off and park in the front of the middle school. Students will use an electronic "e-hall-pass" this year to record the number of times using the restroom. Students will be permitted to use the restroom 2 times per day from their 4 core classes; students will also be permitted to use the restroom during A/A period each morning, PLP period, as well as during lunch.

### New this year

The middle school will be installing vape detectors in the restrooms this fall. The middle school has been having increasing problems each year with students using vapes and selling vapes. Students that are caught using or are in possession of vapes are assigned an online course through Vape Educate instead of a suspension. Our goal is to reduce the use of vape pens overall and, hopefully the vape detectors will help serve as a deterrent for our students.

WMS is going to have an increased presence on Instagram and Facebook this year. You will be able to see more of the exciting things taking place in your child's classrooms and events taking place at WMS. There will be more information to share with you regarding both websites in the near future. You can also look for regular Twitter posts from @WMS\_BTaylor and @teachreit.

It's a great day to be a Warren Warrior!

*Brent Taylor* - Principal

### Open House

Open House will be held on Friday, August 18. Fifth and seventh grades will be from 4:00-5:00 pm; sixth and eighth grades will be from 3:00-4:00 pm. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

Student schedules will be available online on August 14 via PowerSchool.

### Magical Collaboration

By Mrs. Sandra Vincent

A magical collaboration between Mrs. Vincent's "Stitches" class and Miss Miskimins kindergarten students has given rise to an extraordinary spectacle - friendly monsters! This unique project brought our younger and older students together in a heart-warming display of creativity!

Miss Miskimins asked her students to draw their dream monsters. Armed with crayons and paper, the kindergartners let their imagination run wild, sketching out an enchanting array of creatures - some big, some small, some furry and others brightly colored.

Mrs. Vincent's class embarked on the exciting journey of turning these drawings into soft plush monsters. They were inspired by the innocent charm of the doodles! These young artists had given life to the monsters in their minds and it would be up to the eighth graders to turn them

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## Power of ICU

By Mrs. Anne Boley

What is ICU? ICU stands for Intensive Care Unit, just like in a hospital. ICU is an academic support system for students and a communication tool for teachers and parents. Here at Warren Middle School, applying the Power of ICU means that we are dedicated to fostering a culture where students are served through daily individualized support by all staff members.

The program's foundation lies in the understanding that ALL students will complete ALL assignments. Missing work is tracked school-wide within an electronic database. Students learn quickly that if they have a missing or poorly completed assignment, their grade is "sick" and needs attention.

Students with missing or poor-quality assignments have their names placed on an ICU list. A parent/guardian should receive a text message (or email) stating that his/her child has been placed on the ICU list. Students

will have a variety of opportunities with staff to get the work completed during the school day (PLP, AA, lunch/recess), but may also need to get it completed at home. Names are removed from the ICU list when quality work has been completed and the parent/guardian will be notified via text or email.

Parent/guardian ICU contact information will be automatically pulled from contact information within PowerSchool. It will typically pull the first primary contact person's cell phone number and email address. If that information is not current, or you would like a second contact number included, please email [anne.boleyn@warrenlocal.org](mailto:anne.boleyn@warrenlocal.org) with the new information.

If your child is new to the building, please email [anne.boleyn@warrenlocal.org](mailto:anne.boleyn@warrenlocal.org) with your child's name and grade level, so that your status within the ICU database can be verified.

We look forward to helping your child master the content needed to be prepared for future academic endeavors.

## Magical

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into tangible creatures! Each design was carefully brought to life, respecting the essence of the child's vision while adding a touch of creativity and stitching expertise.

Mrs. Vincent's homeroom contributed their own creative touch to the

project. In the spirit of collaboration, this class decided to write and illustrate a charming picture book featuring the very same monsters that their peers had sewn!

All three classes gathered together to present the monsters and enjoy story time with milk & cookies! It was an unforgettable experience for all!

Check out the monsters below.



## STEM Education

By Mrs. Sandy Vincent

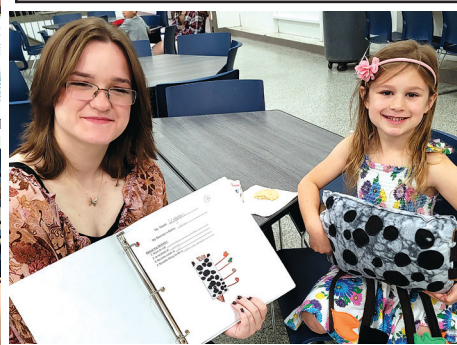
Warren Local is embracing STEM education in many ways. One of these ways is by embracing JASON Learning into our curriculum.

STEM education equips students with critical skills necessary for success in our rapidly changing world. By incorporating JASON Learning into our classrooms, we aim to spark curiosity, inspire innovation and foster a love for sciences among our students.

So, what exactly is JASON Learning? Developed by a team of experts, including scientists, educators, and media specialist, JASON Learning offers interactive and immersive experiences that bring science to life. Through exciting online modules, hands-on activities and real-world connections, our students will have the opportunity to explore diverse scientific concepts in a fun and engaging manner.

One of the key benefits is to be able to connect students directly with scientists and researchers in the field. These live interactions give valuable insights into the life of a scientist, showcase potential career paths and highlight the importance of scientific inquiry in solving real-world problems.

WMS is looking forward to using JASON Learning as another tool to help us equip our students with the skills needed to be successful in the 21st century as future leaders, scientists, and changemakers.





## WELCOME BACK!



Welcome back Warriors! We hope your summer was filled with fun and wonderful memories! Warren Elementary is ready for a new &

exciting school year with YOU!

We are counting down the days until school starts and celebrating that we have several new teachers for the 2023 - 2024 school year. Also joining our Warrior team is Assistant Principal, Kyle Scott. Read more about Mr. Scott below.

### **Be sure to mark your calendars**

Homeroom class lists were posted on Friday, August 11, at 4:00 pm. These lists will be posted on the cafeteria doors and will remain there until school starts.

Warren Elementary has made changes to our reading curriculum and we can't wait to get started with a program called Bookworms. Bookworms uses various trade books to enrich students with new vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills. Samples of the material will be available to look through at Open House (August 18), and we can't wait to see you then.

*Ashley Skinner* - Principal

## Open House

Open House will be hosted on Friday, August 18, for (grades 1-4), as follows: 2nd and 4th grades will be from 3:00-4:00 pm; 1st and 3rd grades will be 4:00-5:00 pm. This will give parents and students the opportunity to stop by and casually visit the school. This will not be a formal orientation or lectures with principals, but simply an opportunity to see the school,

drop off supplies, and meet your new teacher!

Our kindergarten students will be given open house time during their staggered start dates on August 22 and August 23, beginning at 10:30 am. **Important Reminders:**

~ **8:50 am - Parent Drop-off** in the back parking lot

~ **9:00 am - Bus students** begin to enter the building

~ **9:15 am - Tardy Bell**

~ **3:30 pm - Student dismissal;**

Parents should not arrive in the back lot for pickup prior to 3:00 pm.

~ **Parents who wish to pick up their students at the end of the day in the back lot on a regular basis** - Please make sure this is noted in Final Forms. A parking tag will be issued for you and your student. You may also call the school office to get your pickup tag. Student numbers will be the same as past numbers.

## WES welcomes new assistant principal



I was lucky enough to attend Warren Local Schools as a student K-12 and graduated from Warren High School in 2009. The education I received

and the experiences my teachers provided helped me more than academically. They helped me develop a strong work ethic, taught me how to build relationships, and showed me the importance

of being a lifelong learner. These values inspired me to go into education.

I graduated from Ohio University, earning my bachelor's degree in Middle Childhood Education and my master's in Reading Education. From there, I taught one year of 6th grade at Amesville Elementary in the Federal Hocking School District and six years of 5th grade at Belpre Elementary. The last two years, I have been the Assistant Principal at Marietta High School. Throughout my career, I have also coached golf and basketball.

My wife, Katie, and I live in Belpre with our cat, Tormund, who is an orange

fireball of energy and affection. We enjoy concerts, traveling, and are huge fans of the Columbus Crew.

When I started my career, I always envisioned it being in this district. Life and opportunity took me other places until now, and I am thankful for that. The amazing people I have worked with and the experiences over the course of my career, have helped prepare me to serve this district in the best way possible. I am excited to start my new position as Assistant Principal at Warren Elementary School and eager to get started! It feels good to be back home! *Kyle Scott* ~

Assistant Principal

## DID YOU KNOW?

Check the WLS D website under the Elementary School Tab for the student school supply lists.

The Academic Boosters will be supplying some school supplies items through their fundraising efforts and support. Additional information will be shared with you through the School Messenger emails as we get closer to the start of school.

**Important dates to Remember:**

- ~ **August 11**- Class list posted at 4:00 pm
- ~ **August 18**- Open House for grades 1-4
- ~ **August 22**- First full day for students grades 1-4
- ~ **August 22** - Staggered Start for Kindergarten students last name A - L at 10:30 am
- ~ **August 23** - Staggered Start for Kindergarten students last name M - Z at 10:30 am

**Students sing for TobyMac**

It was a regular second grade music class on a cold February morning at Warren Elementary, and students had just finished singing and dancing to, "Me Without You" by TobyMac. Expressing to the students what an amazing job they did, Mr. Richards made the comment, "You guys are so good and having so much fun, I wish TobyMac could see this!" One student chimed in and said, "Why don't we send it to him?" From that moment on, it was a whirlwind of learning more about: Who is TobyMac?; the video recording process; and the audio recording process. The goal that Mr. Richards and the K-3 students set out to achieve was to get TobyMac to see the video and respond. Challenge accepted!

Mr. Richards taught the students the music and movements and the

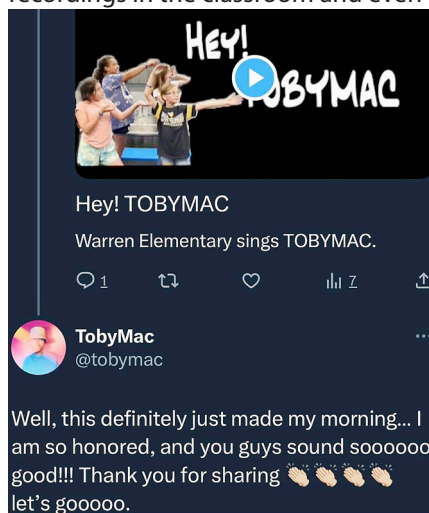
## MUSIC

Fourth grade students said farewell to WES in their end of the year talent and art show. The audience enjoyed several acts; solos, gymnastics, comedy, jump rope, and a pup! The entire fourth grade performed three original parodies; one of them written in honor of Mrs. Stabler's retirement. A good time was had by all. Great job on your show, and good luck in the Middle School this year!!!



We are already looking forward to honoring our veterans in November. We will host the second annual "Tribute to the Armed Forces" showcase, to show our appreciation for the men and women who have served/are serving our country. Look for more information to come soon!

students worked their best to enjoy themselves and work together. The fourth grade classes had also been working on a song of TobyMac's called, "See the Light" so they would be a part of the video as well. In April, the students started with video recordings in the classroom and even



## Star Warriors

**22-23 Fourth Quarter Winners**

**Kindergarten** - Leighton Hescht, Sophia Kirby, Emerich Nonnenmacher, Phoebe Randall, Kaden Shockman, Clayton Weinkauff, Scout Young;  
**First Grade** - Clair Kirtland, Xavier Martin, Kainoa Williams, Gatlin Morris, Maverick Ladeaux, Killian Billman;  
**Second Grade** - Dillynn Bonnette, Eden Rehl, Brody McIntyre, Clara Sealey, Karder Hesson, Ireland Estep;  
**Third Grade** - Will Lemasters, Rory Miller, Adalynn Robinson, Raelyn Knotts, Kassius Kennedy, Mitchell Hopkins;  
**Fourth Grade** - Avery Steele, Ivy Hesson, Jeremiah Thompson, Avarie Owens, Amelia Veres, Mira Hanger;  
**Specials** - Max Coy, Saviah Harpold, Jayda Haynes, Kinley Kunze, Payson Bennett, Ethan Lane, Ireland McHenry.



found themselves being recorded at recess.

On the final day of school, students were able to see the video and Mr. Richards reminded them of their goal. Students, parents, family members, and staff shared the video on various platforms and the very next morning, TobyMac responded! See the picture below of his Facebook message. Mr. Richards is so thankful to everyone in the Warrior Nation that helped to make this possible. Students will be singing and dancing to a new song for the 2023-2024 school year, with maybe another video as well!

If you haven't seen the TobyMac video, just head over to YouTube and in the search bar type: hey tobymac. The video screenshot will be the picture above.

Thanks to all for your support of the arts at Warren Local Schools!

## Notes from the Attendance Officer

Cathy Neehouse

It's hard to believe another school year is about to begin. I want to share some important facts about the districts attendance policy.

1. Be sure to contact your student's school building each and every time they are absent. Each student has six (6) parent excused absences per semester. The seventh (7) absent will be unexcused unless you have a doctor's excuse. Unexcused absences add up to truancy.

2. Every time your child goes to the doctor, please be sure to get a doctor's excuse to turn in to the school. It is beneficial to have the doctor's office fax the excuse to the school. Most students forget to turn in the doctor's excuse.

3. Vacation during the school year is strongly discouraged. You should receive approval from your child's school administrator beforehand. If the



six(6) parent excused absences are used for vacation, all other absences will be unexcused unless the school receives a doctor's excuse.

4. Five (5) tardies equals one (1) day unexcused absence.

5. At the high school/middle school; a student who goes over the six (6) excused days will be required to make up the hours missed. Students will be assigned Saturday School and/or after-school detentions to earn credit for missed hours.

For more information about student absences, please refer to the Student Handbooks located in Final Forms, or call me at 740-678-2366, ext. 3803.

**WE ARE WARRIORS!**

## Ellie and Wednesday



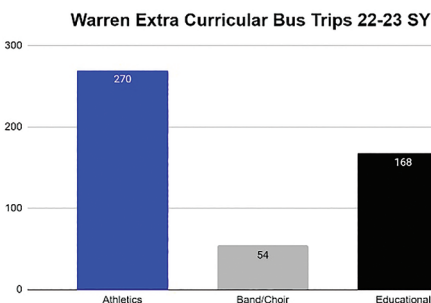
WLSD School Resource Officer, Deputy Ellie Reynolds and her partner, Wednesday, attended the therapy dog training program with Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Wednesday will be certified with Urban Canine Good Citizen, Canine Good Citizen, and Advanced Community Canine. Wednesday has gained so much confidence from this training and will continue to train annually. Wednesday graduated with

flying collars, and is a valued member of our Warrior Nation!



### What is a therapy dog?

**According to the American Kennel Club - Therapy dogs are dogs who go with their owners to volunteer in settings such as schools, hospitals, and nursing homes. From working with a child who is learning to read to visiting a senior in assisted living, therapy dogs and their owners work together as a team to improve the lives of other people.**



## Exciting

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room for long-term storage for district use. WCCC students typically build one structure each year. By building an office building, the students were able to learn more about the commercial side of the building process.



WLSD Board Member, and WCCC Board President, Debbie West added, "This project has been a fantastic partnership between the two schools. It's allowed our career center students to put their new skills to work with hands on experience and provide Warren's transportation department with a well-built office that will be around for many years.

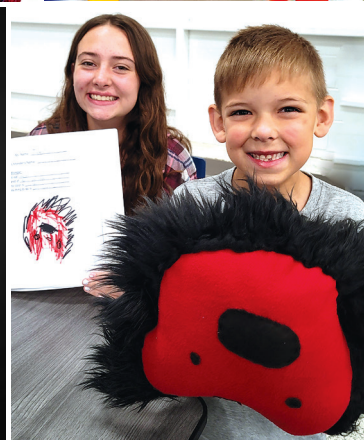
We appreciate the students and teachers that worked hard throughout the year to complete the custom office building, and Warren's transportation department and administration for working so closely together with the career center to design a building of which everyone can be proud."



Some transportation notes of interest include:

- ~ 24 bus routes, covering 196 sq. miles daily, drive over 462,806 miles during the school year.
- ~ Drivers made over 422 extra-curricular trips during the 2022-2023 school year.
- ~ Currently employ 24 full-time drivers and 16 sub drivers
- ~ 3 new sub drivers in training
- ~ 3 new buses expected to arrive in October; selling 3 old buses

The graphic (left) represents the breakdown of various extra-curricular trips; Athletics (blue), Band/Choir (gray), and Educational (black).



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# ATHLETIC PASSES & TICKET PRICES

| Warren Sport Tickets<br>Type               | General<br>Admission<br>(Online) | Reserved<br>Chair Back<br>(Online) | Student<br>Presale<br>(Cash)\$ | General<br>Admission | Reserved<br>Chair Back<br>Seat | Senior<br>Citizen |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Varsity – Football & Boys/Girls Basketball | \$6                              | \$10                               | \$5                            | \$7                  | \$10                           | \$5               |
| Varsity – All Other Sports*                |                                  |                                    |                                | \$6                  | X                              | \$5               |
| Junior Varsity                             |                                  |                                    |                                | \$5                  | X                              | \$5               |
| Freshman                                   |                                  |                                    |                                | \$5                  | X                              | \$5               |
| Junior High                                |                                  |                                    |                                | \$5                  | X                              | \$5               |



\* **Fall:** Soccer, Volleyball; **Winter:** Wrestling; **Spring:** Baseball, Softball, Track & Field  
\$ Student Presale tickets may be purchased with cash at school only on game day

### Warren All-Sports Passes

| Type             | High School | Junior High | Combined |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Student (K-12)   | \$75        | \$50        | \$100    |
| Adult            | \$100       | \$75        | \$150    |
| Family*          | \$275       | \$175       | \$350    |
| Senior Citizen\$ | \$50        |             |          |

\* Includes parents and legal dependents

\$ To purchase a "Senior Citizen Pass", good for all HS & MS sporting events, one must be 60 years of age or older at time of purchase.

### Premium Seating\* (Includes Prime Parking for Football) Available to All-Sports Pass Holders ONLY

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Football*  | \$50  |
| Boys Basketball  | \$50  |
| Girls Basketball                                       | \$50  |
| 2 Pack (choice of any 2 sports above)                  | \$85  |
| 3 Pack (includes Football + Boys and Girls Basketball) | \$125 |

\*All PREMIUM seats are chair backs. Seats are limited and will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis.

**All-Sports Passes and Premium (reserved) Seats with Prime Parking must be purchased exclusively online through ....**



..... Game Tickets are also available online, but may be purchased at the Gate.

(Cash, debit/credit cards will be accepted at the gate)

For online purchases, go to: <https://athletics.warrenlocal.org/quick-links/purchase-tickets>