



Community Connections

For our children, our community, our world, our future

Important dates:

May 22

School Visit at
Cheney Middle
School 1:00 p.m.
School Board
Meeting
4:00 p.m.

May 27

Memorial Day
Holiday—
No School

June 5

Three Springs
High School
Commencement
Betz Viking Room
5:00 p.m.

June 7

Cheney High
School
Commencement
EWU
7:00 p.m.

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

I am so pleased to share the wonderful news that Cheney High School has been identified as one of America's Best High Schools by Newsweek. This is not the first award bestowed upon the high school and it certainly won't be the last; however, it is important for me to highlight that other organizations also recognize that our high school provides an outstanding education to the children of our community.

The Newsweek ranking highlights the best 2,000 public high schools in the nation—those that have proven to be the most effective in turning out college-ready grads. The list is based on six components: graduation rate, college acceptance rate, AP tests taken per student, average ACT/SAT scores, average AP scores, and percent of students enrolled in at least one AP course.

We are so very proud to offer our students rigorous academic programs and the support for students to be successful in such programs. One example of our support is the implementation of an AVID program which provides support for students who have chosen to enroll in an honors level curriculum. Another example is the unwavering commitment of our teachers to help our students succeed. Mr. Steve Arensmeyer is our AP US History teacher and on May 8, 2013 he spent the evening helping his AP students study for the upcoming AP exam. He goes the extra mile for his students -- as do all of our teachers.

The recognition that Cheney High School received is something we celebrate district-wide—for we know that the students entering ninth grade have been well prepared for success because of their elementary and middle school learning experiences. It is also something we celebrate community-wide. Thank you for your continuing support of our schools—we couldn't do it without you!

For our children, our community, our world, our future,

Debra J. Clemens, Ph.D.
Superintendent

WHAT MAKES CHENEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SO SPECIAL?

Please take a look at just a FEW of the accomplishments we are so very proud of on the district website at www.cheneysd.org under the "About Us" pull-down tab—District Awards and Honors.

Our essential foundations

- ★ High Expectations and Continuous Progress
- ★ Involvement and Engagement with School District Community
- ★ Stewardship and Planning

Cheney Middle School activities line: (509) 559-4488
Westwood Middle School activities line: (509) 559-4161
Cheney High School activities line: (509) 559-4120

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CHS Spokane Scholars

Sophia Schwalbe took first place in Science at the Spokane Scholars recognition night. This is an amazing accomplishment, as all area schools were represented, and the competition was fierce! Our other Cheney High School Spokane Scholars—who also represented the district in superb fashion—were Kelsey Fillmore, Hayden Gerstenkorn, Elizabeth Gill, Chris Knox and Rebecca Stevens.

CHS Honor Roll students celebrate

Each trimester, Cheney High School honors all of its Honor Roll students with a frozen yogurt party. Shown at the right are some of the seniors on the winter trimester Honor Roll—many were absent due to athletics and the early release that day. A total of 322 CHS students made the Honor Roll for winter trimester.



District is AP Honor Roll recipient

The College Board has identified Cheney Public Schools as an AP Honor Roll recipient. The District Honor Roll is based on an examination of three years of AP data from all students who took AP examinations in May. Cheney Public Schools increased the number of students participating in AP programs while maintaining high performance levels of 3 or higher on the AP examination.



FBLA students succeed at conference

Future Business Leaders of America students who participated at the recent Washington State Business Leader Conference did a tremendous job. Club members and the club itself received numerous awards and recognitions. Receiving individual recognition were Austin Mitchell, Ash Hall, Jackson Spencer, Jessica Kumar, Hayden Gerstenkorn and Sarah Oakes for completing a Business Achievement Awards project and earning Future Business Leader of America status—something only nine others in the state completed.