



# SPARTAN SPEAK

*A Culture of Greatness*

## March 18, 2024

### Important Dates

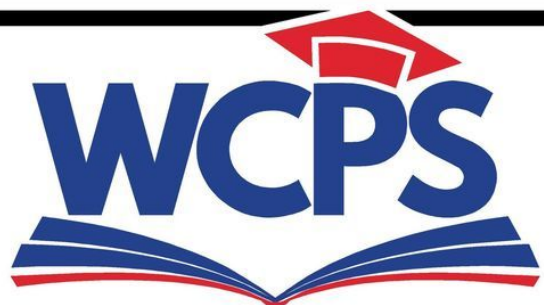
- 3/18 Spartan Strings St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser
- 3/20 NO SCHOOL (PLC Day)
- 3/21-3/22 NO SCHOOL
- 3/25-3/26 Arrive Alive
- 4/1-4/5 NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)
- 4/18 Dual Credit Meeting @5:30 Auditorium
- 4/20 Prom
- 5/21 NO SCHOOL (Professional Development)
- 5/22 LAST DAY for students
- 5/25 SWHS Graduation (pending WCPS Board approval)

### Senior Picnic Donations Needed

PTSO is in need of \$5 or \$10 gift cards for the senior picnic. If you can donate, please drop off cards in the front office at SWHS.

#### GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES

CLASS OF 2024 - mcqxqq7  
 CLASS OF 2025 - jctw7v5  
 CLASS OF 2026 - xtb7oxx  
 CLASS OF 2027 - 2wcfzwo  
 CLASS OF 2028 - 6dv6hsz



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## BUS ROUTE PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF HERE

**SWHS@WARREN.KYSCHOOLS.US**

PLEASE USE THE OFFICE EMAIL  
FOR TRANSPORTATION  
CHANGES, ABSENT EXCUSES  
AND CHECKOUT NOTES.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE MANY COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE OFFER AT SWHS! CLICK HERE TO VIEW OUR UP-TO-DATE SCHEDULE OF SWHS POSTSECONDARY READINESS EVENTS AND FOLLOW @SWHSREADY ON TWITTER TO STAY INFORMED!**

The banner features a dark blue background with white and blue confetti and streamers at the top. Below the text is a white silhouette of a graduate in a cap and gown with arms raised in celebration. To the right is the South Warren Spartans logo, a stylized 'VW' in white with a black outline.

**GETTING YOUR PERMIT SOON?**

**CLICK HERE**

**REQUEST YOUR SCHOOL COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION FORM**

The advertisement has a blue and white background. On the left, a blue speech bubble contains the text 'GETTING YOUR PERMIT SOON?'. On the right, a red starburst contains the text 'CLICK HERE'. Below these, the text 'REQUEST YOUR SCHOOL COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION FORM' is displayed. The background shows a close-up of a person's hands on a steering wheel. In the bottom right corner is the South Warren Spartans logo, a circular emblem with 'SOUTH WARREN' at the top, 'SPARTANS' at the bottom, and a stylized 'VW' in the center.

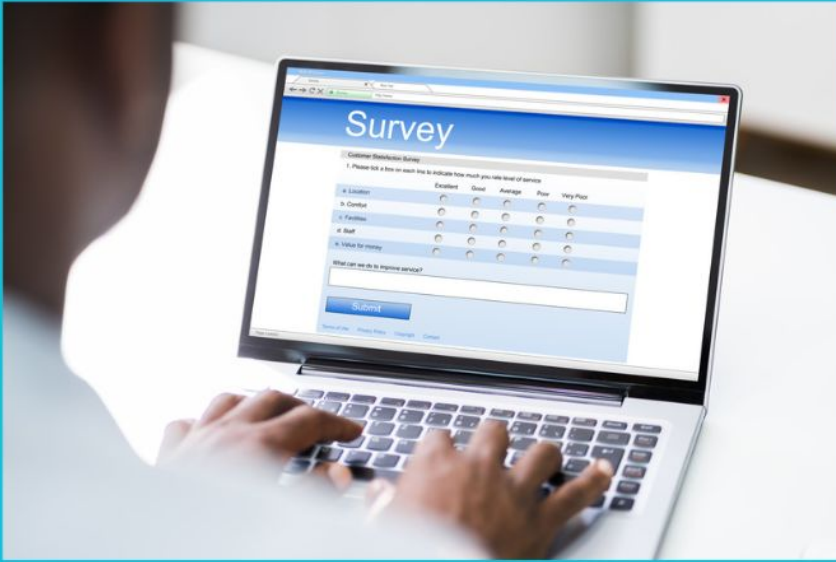
*4th Quarter*  
*Began on*  
*Monday, March 11*

**MAKE IT A GREAT ONE!**

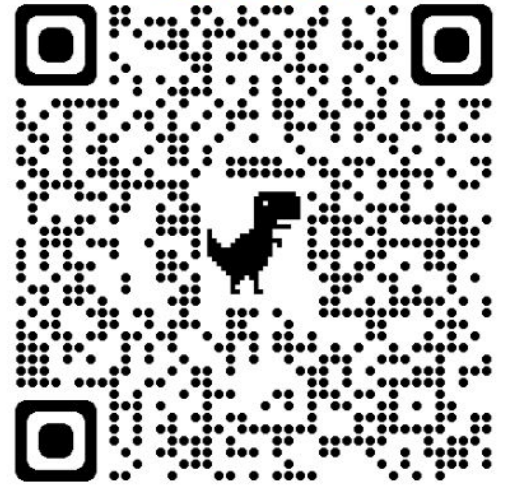
The graphic features a tropical beach scene with clear turquoise water, a sandy shore, and green palm fronds against a blue sky with light clouds. The text is overlaid on the scene in various fonts and colors.

**\*PARENTS OF GT STUDENTS ONLY\***

Please take the  
**GT (Gifted & Talented) Survey**



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# DUAL CREDIT MEETING

**LAST ONE!**

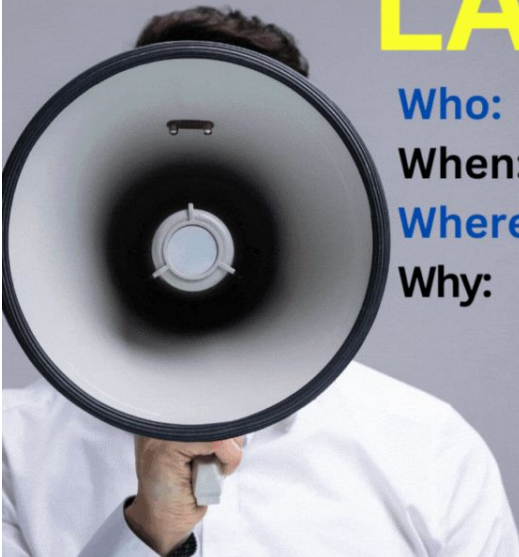
**Who:** Parents and students

**When:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 @5:30

**Where:** SWHS Auditorium

**Why:** Parent **must** attend in order to take dual credit

**PARENTS:** If you have already attended a meeting, you do not have to attend again.





**Complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA Form AND a short survey to be entered into a drawing for the KHEAA FAFSA Completion Scholarship!**

**\$500 FAFSA Completion Scholarship**



Scan the QR code and complete the survey to enter.



### FAFSA Communication

The FAFSA process has been revamped for the 2024-2025 FAFSA form. The vibe is that it has been improved to streamline the application process and provide opportunities for financial assistance to a broader number of applicants. The FAFSA which typically opens on October 1 (for the following school year) opened at the end of December this year. General information about the FAFSA follows.

#### WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THE 2024-2025 FAFSA:

- Any student who will be continuing their education in Fall 2024 or Spring 2025 should complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA. A parent/guardian for the student will also participate in the FAFSA process by contributing their information on the form. *Note: This includes students pursuing a 2 or 4-year degree as well as one who will be pursuing a certificate program (ex. CDL License, cosmetology certificate, etc.)*

#### WHY SHOULD A STUDENT COMPLETE THE FAFSA:

- It's FREE to apply and one never knows what financial opportunities may be presented as a result of completing the application. Several factors are taken into consideration to determine the type and amount of aid a student may be eligible to receive. A student will NOT be eligible for FREE money without completing the application.
- Some colleges REQUIRE a COMPLETED FAFSA as a part of their application.
- Student-athletes are REQUIRED to complete the FAFSA.
- Students who plan to work on campus are typically required to have completed the FAFSA.
- Things change and though at the time of an initial application, one may not qualify for financial assistance, once the school year starts other funding may become available at the federal, state, or school level for students who have a FAFSA on file.

#### HOW DOES A STUDENT COMPLETE THE FAFSA

- **CREATE AN FSA ID**
  - All "contributors" MUST create an FSA ID. A "contributor" is anyone who is required to provide information on the FAFSA form, sign the FAFSA form, and provide consent and approval to have their federal tax information transferred directly from the IRS into the form. A "contributor" does NOT mean a person who is responsible for paying for college expenses.
  - Visit [StudentAid.gov](http://StudentAid.gov) to determine who the contributors for your FAFSA should be.
  - Click [HERE](#) to watch a very short video that walks a student and their parent/guardian through creating an FSA ID.
- **GATHER THE DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO APPLY**
  - Check out the [2024-2025 FAFSA COMPLETION GUIDE](#). It provides a concise list of all the things a student and their family will need to have readily available to complete the FAFSA.
- **COMPLETE THE FAFSA**
  - After the FSA IDs are matched by the Social Security Administration, the student and the parent/guardian should visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov), and complete the FAFSA for the year the student will be attending college.
  - Click [HERE](#) to watch a step-by-step video on how to complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA.
  - Upon completion, the contributors should review the FAFSA Submission Summary and make corrections if necessary.

#### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SUBMITTING THE FAFSA

- Next, the U.S. Department of Education processes the completed application. Upon completion, the student will be notified of any missing or incorrect information that should be reviewed and corrected as soon as possible.
- The applicant receives a FAFSA Submission Summary, which is a summary of the processed data they submitted on the FAFSA form. Institutions of higher education listed by the applicant on the FAFSA form also receive a summary of processed data submitted on the FAFSA form which is called the Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR).
- The colleges listed on the FAFSA form are responsible for creating the student aid offer and disbursing any federal student aid accordingly.
- A student should contact the financial aid office at the college they plan to attend to find out if there are additional requirements for receiving student aid and to learn more about the process of applying for aid at that college.

### General Testing Information:

Students can register for a national ACT via their MyACT.org student account. National tests are offered on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. - noon-ish. See the remaining dates for this year below. Available local testing sites are usually Bowling Green High School or WKU's South Campus - you choose!

### Upcoming Test Dates (National)

| Test Date         | Regular Registration Deadline<br>Late Fee Applies After This Date | Late Registration Deadline |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------|
| February 10, 2024 | January 5   | January 22                 |
| April 13, 2024    | March 8   | March 24                   |
| June 8, 2024      | May 3   | May 19                     |
| July 13, 2024*    | June 7  | June 21                    |

### Cost:

Students will be prompted to pay the \$68 fee (for an ACT with no writing) using a debit or credit card. Additional fees apply if a student chooses an additional service.

### ACT Waivers:

Students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch qualify for up to 4 fee waivers to take a national ACT during their junior & senior years of high school. Check with Mrs. Waddell to see if this applies to you!

### ACT Voucher:

Any student can use the \$5 voucher below towards registration for any February, April, June, or July 2024 national ACT test date. This voucher is valid until January 22, 2024.



## It's okay to ask for help

### Find the right help at the right time

At no cost, Care Solace will quickly and confidentially find available mental health and substance use providers matched to the needs of students, staff and/or their families.

- Call 888-515-0595 at any time. Multilingual support is available 24/7/365. A dedicated Care Companion will help you every step of the way to research options, secure appointments, and follow-up to make sure it is a good fit.
- Search anonymously to get matched with an extensive list of care providers at [caresolace.com/wcps](https://caresolace.com/wcps).
- Contact your school mental health professional, and they will submit a referral on your behalf.
- Access the Care Solace link (and phone number) through either the WCPS District website ([www.warrencountyschools.org](http://www.warrencountyschools.org)) or through your school's website (under Safety/Emotional Support Services/Hotlines).

If you have a life-threatening emergency, please call 9-1-1 or The Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 9-8-8. Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider.

## Care Solace

When you or your child needs help, it's hard to know where to turn. In an effort to ease the burden of finding the mental health and substance use services you need, the WCPS district has partnered with Care Solace.

Care Solace has a network of over 350,000 providers and services.

Care Solace is available 24/7/365, after hours and during school breaks at no cost to you, Care Solace has providers accepting all medical insurances, including Medicaid, Medicare, and sliding scale options for those without insurance.

### You can reach a Care Solace professional by doing one of the following:

- Call 888-515-0595 at anytime
- Go to [caresolace.com/wcps](https://caresolace.com/wcps)
- Contact your school mental health professional where they will submit a referral on your behalf or Access the Care Solace link (and phone number) through either the WCPS District website ([www.warrencountyschools.org](http://www.warrencountyschools.org)) or through your school's website (under Safety/Emotional Support Services/Hotlines)



# SWHS YSC

march newsletter



## CONTACT US

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Taylor Alder - YSC Asst.  
taylor.alder@warren.kyschools.us

270-904-8835

## IN THE YSC

The YSC has been busy serving the SWHS students and their families this past month. Here are the total items provided during the month of February:

- Food Box - 0
- Clothing - 36
- Snacks - 1170
- Hygiene - 42
- School Supplies - 63



THE ASPIRE CLUB VISITED THE HOPKINS CENTER NURSING HOME FOR THEIR SERVICE PROJECT ON 2/29/24.

## UPCOMING

- MARCH 2 - PRINCESS PROM FITTING
- MARCH 15 - ASPIRE CLUB FIELD TRIP TO HUMANE SOCIETY
- MARCH 19 - PLC DAY
- MARCH 20-21 - NO SCHOOL
- MARCH 25-26 - ARRIVE ALIVE
- MARCH 29 - ADVISORY COUNCIL MTG @ 1:00
- ASPIRE CLUB ASSISTING WITH EGG HUNT



# HOW SMART PARENTS STAY UP-TO-DATE

### Quick Bytes

**NY Mayor, Eric Adams, Files Lawsuit Against Major Social Media Companies:** citing "a non-stop stream of harmful content and fueling our national youth mental health crisis"



Everyone is arguing about banning TikTok and the Kids Online Safety Act... I just wonder why they don't just enforce the law that says you have to be 13 to be online

### MONTHLY LIVE Q&A FOR PARENTS

- April 4th, Noon CST
- May 2nd, Noon CST
- June 8th, Noon CST
- July 11th, Noon CST
- August 1st, Noon CST
- Sept 5th, Noon CST
- Oct 3rd, Noon CST
- Nov 7th, Noon CST
- Dec 5th, CST

### Get Your Questions Answered

REGISTER HERE  
BIT.LY/CSSFESLIVE



## Will The US Ban TikTok?

We are only a couple steps away...

### WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

The US Congress is considering banning TikTok due to privacy concerns over data collection. Owned by a Chinese company, fears include potential government access to user information for extortion, influencing public opinion, and elections through the app.

President Biden has already said he would sign the bill.

### WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

**Privacy Settings:** Parents can help their children set their TikTok accounts to private, allowing them to approve or deny followers and control who can see their content.

**Screen Time Management:** TikTok offers features that allow parents to limit the amount of time their children spend on the app per day. This helps prevent excessive screen time.

**Restricted Mode:** This feature filters out content that may not be appropriate for younger users. Parents can enable Restricted Mode to ensure their children are exposed to age-appropriate content.

**Direct Messages:** Parents can restrict or disable direct messages on their child's TikTok account to prevent strangers from contacting them.

**Content and Search Restrictions:** TikTok allows parents to filter and block specific types of content and hashtags to ensure their children are not exposed to inappropriate material.

**Family Pairing:** TikTok's Family Pairing feature allows parents to link their own TikTok accounts to their child's account, giving them control over various settings such as screen time limits, privacy settings, and content restrictions.

# ATTENTION

If you are a business looking for summer or part-time employment and want to be a part of our mini job fair, please contact us!!!

**SPARTAN YSC**  
**(270)904-8835**

Be a part of...

# Powder Puff

## Football Game

Tuesday, March 19 @ 6:00 p.m.

SWHS Football or Soccer Field

**Chic-Fil-A Leader  
Academy Impact  
Project**

**\$5.00  
at door**

Benefits our local community!



7th Annual

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER

## for SPARTAN STRINGS

### MONDAY, MARCH 18TH 2024

Doors Open 5:30PM Concert 6:30PM

**Performances by  
Middle & High School  
Spartan Strings**



Scan to Pay



## Traditional Irish Dinner

Silent Auction too!

SWHS CAFETERIA - \$13 EACH, KIDS UNDER 5 FREE

MORE INFO: [REBECCA.BAUMBACH@WARREN.KYSCHOOLS.US](mailto:REBECCA.BAUMBACH@WARREN.KYSCHOOLS.US)

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## The Dinner Table Project Table Talks

STARTING MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR TEENAGER

### DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS

Search Institute® has identified the following building blocks of healthy development—known as Developmental Assets®. These help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. When youth have more assets they are more likely to thrive now and in the future.

### ENCOURAGING CREATIVE IDEAS

Creativity is a skill that helps young people adapt and innovate in a rapidly changing world.



### CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Encourage your teen to get involved with a creative activity such as entering a school or community-based contest for writing or art.
- If your teen is interested in cooking or baking, experiment with new recipes together.
- Help your teen create DIY home decor for their room.
- Start a family book or movie club.
- Maintain indoor plants or start a small garden.

### KIP DATA

Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) Survey is a bi-annual survey taken by most 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders in Kentucky public schools (Not all school districts participate). These results are from the 2021 Survey.

**52.6%**  
of KY 10th graders reported participating in school based extracurricular activities such as sports, band, or drama.





# BREAKFAST PIZZA



Servings: 12 Serving Size: 1/12 Pizza (3-inch Square) Recipe Cost: \$9.49 Cost Per Serving: \$0.79

## Ingredients

## Directions

- Cooking spray
- 2 (8 ounce) tubes reduced fat crescent rolls
- 1/2 pound of breakfast sausage
- 1 cup (4 ounce) fresh mushrooms, chopped or sliced
- 1/2 onion chopped
- 1/2 green pepper chopped
- 1/2 tomato chopped
- 4 eggs, well beaten
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
- Spray a cookie sheet.
- Press crescent rolls onto the cookie sheet with fingers to create one even sheet of dough.
- Pinch the edges to hold toppings.
- In a skillet, brown sausage, mushrooms, onion, green pepper, and tomato
- Spread evenly over the dough.
- Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown.
- Cut into squares with pizza cutter and serve.



## CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What is a hobby that you love and why do you love it?
- What do you hope to do before school is out for the year?
- What emoji do you use most in your life and why?
- What activities help you feel joy?



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Text [@ 833-494-0660](https://text.joinbgfd)

**COME ONE... COME ALL!!!**

**2024 4-H Summer Camp CIRCUS**

**July 1 - 5, 2024**

- Open to Warren County Youth (ages 9-15), Teen (ages 16-17) & Adult Chaperones (ages 18+)
- To Register: Return Camp Form & \$50 Deposit to Warren Co. Extension Office by May 24th
- Forms Available online at: [www.warrencountyextension.com/4-h-camp](http://www.warrencountyextension.com/4-h-camp)
- Final Camper Fees due to Ext. Office by June 24th
- For More Info, Call/Email: 270-842-1681; julie.brown@uky.edu or jturley@uky.edu
- Fundraising Opportunity begins: Feb. 19th (Nothing Bundt Cakes)
- Camp with Allen, Simpson, Warren & Hardin Co.
- 4-H Camp Kick-Off Night on May 17th @ 6-9pm: Learn more about 4-H Camp! Free fun & Food!
- Camp Orientation on June 17th @ 6pm at the Warren Co. Extension Office

**4-H Summer Camp Fees**

- Campers (9-15 yrs old): \$325
- Teens (16-17 yrs old): Free
- Adults (18+): Free; must complete a background check
- Some scholarships available
- Fundraiser opportunities available by selling Nothing Bundt Cakes & Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

**5 Day 4 Night Camp at West KY 4-H Camp**

**TICKET**

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Disability accommodations with prior notification.



## Youth Talent Show

Saturday April 20, 2024  
Capitol Arts Center-BGKY

9am Highschool Show  
1pm Middle school Show  
4pm Elementary Show  
Prizes awarded to 1st & 2nd places!

Winners will perform an encore performance at Fountain Square!

Please register by April 15 at:  
[www.whitesquirrelartsfest.com](http://www.whitesquirrelartsfest.com)

# 4-H Summer Camp



- 1** Step 1: Locate a 4-H Camp Application online at:  
[www.warrencountyextension.com/4-h-camp](http://www.warrencountyextension.com/4-h-camp)  
or  
Pick up at the Warren Co. Extension Office  
(3162 Russellville Rd, BG 42101)
- 2** Step 2: Complete your application and return to the Warren County Extension Office ASAP to reserve your spot.
- 3** Step 3: Pay a \$50 deposit fee at time of submitting your camp application. Remaining Payment due by June 24th.  
Forms of payment: cash, checks or debit/credit card.
- 4** Step 4: Fundraising starts on February 19th with selling Nothing Bundt Cakes. Orders are due back by March 11th & pick up on March 25th.  
More fundraising available later in spring.  
For more info, contact Julie Brown at 240-842-1681.
- 5** Step 5: Mark your calendar to attend 4-H Summer Camp Orientation on June 17th @ 6pm at the WCEO.

4-H Camp Registration Forms  
& Info located at:  
[www.warrencountyextension.com/4-h-camp](http://www.warrencountyextension.com/4-h-camp)