



# WELLINGTON

EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 3: Food For America FFA @ LC Fairgrounds (4<sup>th</sup> grade & FFA)

Oct. 7: BOE work session @ WW

Oct. 9: Parent/Teacher Conferences in the evening (school is in session)

Oct. 10: NEOEA Day (No School)

Oct. 16: MMS/WHS Fall Choir Concert @ PAC at 7 p.m.

Oct. 21: BOE work session @ WHS

Oct. 22: Career Expo at Ross Expo Center (students in grades 9 -1 2)

Oct. 31: End of marking period 1

Nov. 3: Professional Development day (No School)

Nov. 6: Parent/Teacher Conferences in the evening (school is in session)

Nov. 7: Parent/Teacher Conferences for Westwood & MMS (No School for Westwood & MMS). WHS has school.

Nov. 11: Veteran's Day Breakfast at McCormick 8:15 - 9:15 a.m., Program following breakfast

Nov. 14: 4 & 5 Grade Academic Awards Assembly @ PAC 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

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## WELCOME BACK

### LETTER FROM DR. PELTZ, SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Wellington Families,

Each school year is a chance for a new beginning, but the preparation for change starts long before August. Midway through my first year as the new superintendent of Wellington, I was impressed by the dedication of the staff, the devotion of the community, and the quality of our students.

However, I noticed areas where we can build on our past successes to further enhance the educational experience. We assembled a newly created District Leadership Team (DLT) comprising an equal number of members from the administration and teaching staff to assess our strengths, identify areas for improvement, and design action steps to set our students and schools up for future success.

By the second semester of last year, we had already begun our implementation. We restructured Duke Time to allow teachers to work with students who needed additional support, presented our new curriculum focus at the Parent Night on January 29, and designed new courses for the 2025-2026 school year that would better serve the needs and wants of our students.

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# LETTER FROM DR. PELTZ, SUPERINTENDENT

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We knew that the complete positive impact of these academic and philosophical changes would not be immediately evident in our students' performance on the Ohio State tests, but it would position us to hit the ground running in August.

While the Ohio Report Card is not the sole measure of a school, it does encourage us to reflect upon our practices and look for ways to improve each of our students' academic growth.

Our recent scores are not where they could be. With the support of teachers, principals, and the school board, I am confident that the changes we have implemented will initiate our transformation and encourage each of our students to make progress.

We have added Project Lead the Way (a hands-on science and math exploration) experience and classes in grades 3-8. We are using our diagnostic assessments to help our teachers and support staff group our students during Duke Time, providing each student with the necessary Enrichment, Refinement, and Intervention, so that we can move all students towards a deeper level of comprehension and application.

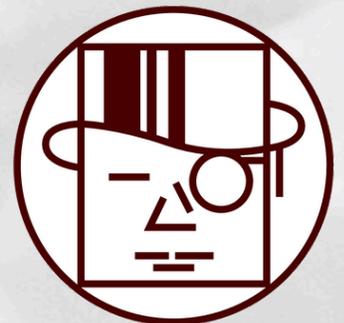
We have restructured our middle school Math and English classes to include Honors sections that delve deeper into content, rather than skipping to the next grade level. We are adding College Credit Plus classes within our high school instead of having students leave or take them online, and plan to add several more in the near future.

We have expanded our Agriscience offerings to include high school credit in the 8th grade. We have realigned our teaching staff to capitalize on their strengths and put them in courses where they excel. These are just some of the multitude of proactive changes we have instituted, and there are more to come.

I have said in the past that graduation is not the goal, but instead, preparing our students to find success and live a productive life after graduation is. Our improved approach will not only achieve this goal, but also, less importantly, be reflected in the report card. Thank you for your continued support and Go Dukes!

-Andy Peltz

# GO DUKES!



## Why Use MAP Testing?

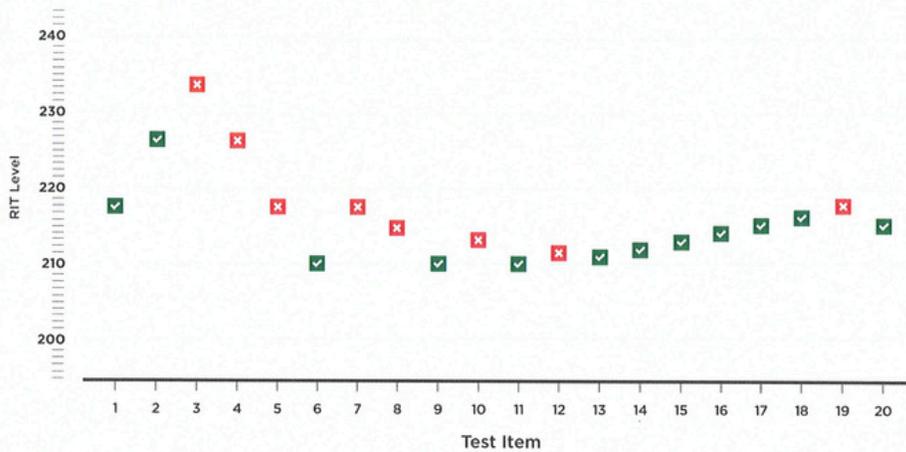


### A family guide to MAP Growth

Children learn better—and faster—when teachers have a clear picture of what students know and how they are growing academically. That's why a group of educators and researchers founded NWEA®, a not-for-profit organization that has created some of the most trusted and reliable assessment solutions available. More than 13 million students in the US and in 140 countries worldwide use MAP® Growth™.

#### How it works

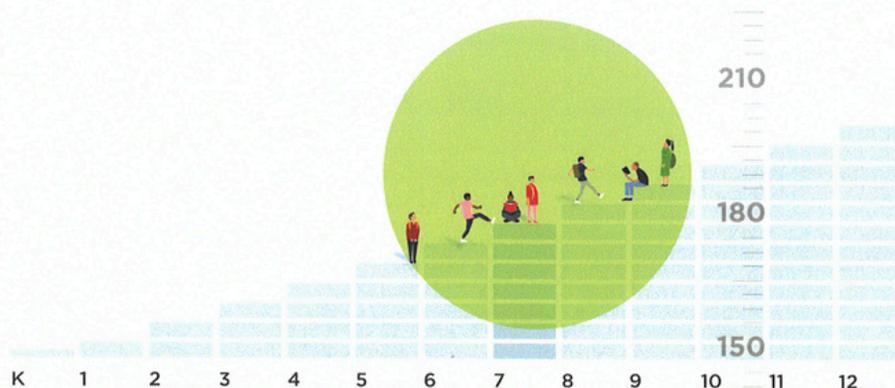
MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive test. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This type of assessment challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level.



MAP Growth begins with a question at each student's grade level and adjusts the level of difficulty based on individual performance.

#### What it measures

MAP Growth uses a RIT scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Once your child completes a MAP Growth test, they receive a RIT score.



The RIT scale precisely measures student performance, regardless of whether they're performing on, above, or below grade level.

## Why Use MAP Testing?



[Click here for a 2 minute video describing how educators use MAP testing.](#)

[Resources for parents and guardians.](#)

### Your child's RIT score

RIT scores have the same meaning across grade levels. If a fourth-grade student and an eighth-grade student have the same RIT score in reading, then they are testing at the same level in that subject. This stable scale allows teachers to accurately measure each student's academic growth throughout the school year and over time.

You can use your child's RIT score to help them meet their goals. For example, students can enter their RIT scores into our college explorer tool to see which colleges and universities they're on track to enter. You can also ask your child's school about educational resources that use MAP Growth RIT scores to provide personalized learning resources.

**"MAP Growth is important because it allows my teacher and me to see how much I know and my percentile growth. In math, my score used to be 227 (70th percentile), but it is now 240 (87th percentile). I didn't know I was capable of so much growth, but in the end I was."**

**Kayla, 6th grade**  
Santa Ana, CA

### COMMON QUESTIONS

**How do schools and teachers use MAP Growth scores?**

Teachers can use the scores to identify learning areas that their class should focus on, as well as monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level, school, or the entire district.

**Can MAP Growth tell me if my child is working at grade level?**

Yes, but please note that MAP Growth scores are just one data point that teachers use to determine how a student is performing. Please discuss any questions that you have about your child's performance with their teacher.

**How often will my child take MAP Growth tests?**

Most schools give MAP Growth tests to students at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year (in the fall, winter, and spring). Some schools choose to administer tests only twice a year.

**What are norms?**

NWEA provides schools with norms by utilizing anonymous data from more than 10 million students around the US. Knowing the top, middle, and bottom scores of all these students combined allows teachers to compare where your child is to other students and help them grow. In addition, NWEA provides comparison data for private, accredited, English-based, international schools using MAP Growth outside the US.

**Is MAP Growth a standardized test?**

MAP Growth is administered periodically during the school year. Instead of asking all students the same questions, it adjusts to each child's performance—giving a more accurate measure of what they know. Teachers also receive results right away, which enables them to react more quickly.

**What types of questions are on MAP Growth tests?**

The MAP Growth tests include multiple choice, drag-and-drop, and other types of questions. For sample tests, visit [Warmup.NWEA.org](http://Warmup.NWEA.org).

# TREASURER'S OFFICE UPDATE

## A MESSAGE FROM MR. BAILEY

I can't believe a new school year has begun and I am already starting my second year with Wellington! I am excited to continue the positive momentum into this year.

The summer is always a busy time of year for the treasurer's office. This is the time of year when we close out one fiscal year and do all of the preparation for the next school year. The new state budget, new legislative laws, accounting code changes and finding a replacement for our payroll and benefits officer are just a few of the additional challenges we had this summer along with the normal preparations for the new school year.

Our payroll officer, Marie Storrow, will be retiring in October. We are very happy for her and hope she enjoys her retirement. We are excited to welcome April Langteau to the Wellington Exempted Village Schools as our new payroll and benefits officer.

April comes to Wellington with valuable payroll and benefits knowledge and experience in the education field. She is an excellent addition to the Duke community.

The maintenance and custodial staff take pride in the upkeep and care of the buildings and grounds. The district completed several projects this summer to maintain and care for the property of the district.

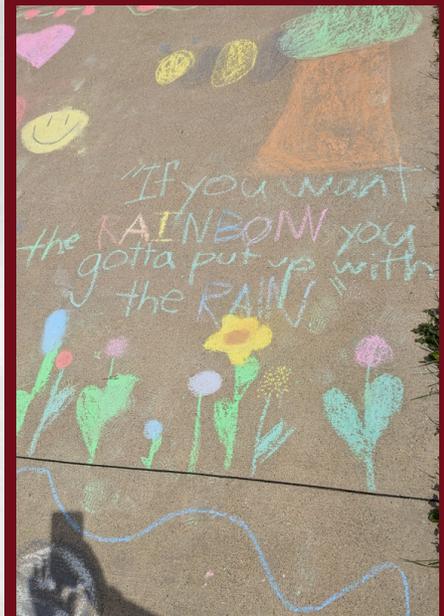
We worked with the Village of Wellington to replace the uneven sidewalks in front of Westwood Elementary and the parking lot exit to prevent the sidewalks from flooding. The students and community can now walk safely along the sidewalk in front of Westwood after heavy rainfall.

The parking lots at Westwood Elementary and High School were resealed to maintain and prolong the life of the asphalt. The new flooring in the Westwood cafeteria looks great after we replaced the old flooring that had tiles that were cracking and breaking.

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[Click here to read our monthly Financial Statements!](#)



McCormick students used their creativity to draw positive messages outside the building at the beginning of school.

# TREASURER'S OFFICE UPDATE

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The fluorescent lights were replaced with LED lights in the McCormick gym to be more energy efficient. The LED lights will also last longer than the fluorescent lights which will result in lower labor costs associated with changing lights.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact me at [pbailey@wellingtonvillageschools.org](mailto:pbailey@wellingtonvillageschools.org). Wishing all our families a great school year ahead!

-Pete Bailey

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Resealed parking lots



McCormick LED Gym lights



McCormick students used their creativity to draw positive messages outside the building at the beginning of school.

# WELCOME, MRS. LANGTEAU!

**WELLINGTON**  
EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS



**PAYROLL OFFICER**

**April  
Langteau**

**What is your position at Wellington?**

Payroll Officer.

**What excites you the most about the job you will be doing?**

This job allows me to be behind the scenes and support the people who teach and pour their time and energy into kids (including mine!) every day.

**What was your favorite subject as a student?**

French, which I enjoyed taking for six years.

**What are you most looking forward to this school year?**

Getting to know staff, students and the district as a whole. Also, getting settled in Ohio and making it feel like home.

**What made you want to work in Wellington Schools?**

It's a smaller community where I'll get to know faces and names.

**What sort of activities do you enjoy outside of your career?**

I enjoy redesigning spaces, home projects, crafting and daydreaming about vacation destinations!

**What would be your superpower and why?**

Time travel. I would love to be able to go back in time, not to change the future, but to spend time with people I've lost too soon.

**What is on your list to experience?**

Re-learn to sail and to travel more (too many places to list!)

# NUTRITION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



## Welcome back!

### School Breakfast, Free & Reduced Meal Applications & Meal Payments

#### School Breakfast



Andrea Helton,  
MS, RDN LD  
Director of Nutrition  
Services

The importance of school breakfast can't be underestimated! Did you know that statistically, students who eat a balanced breakfast show improved test scores, attendance, and behavior? Breakfast is served daily in each school cafeteria from 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

If your student(s) qualifies for free or reduced - price lunch, they also qualify for free or reduced - price breakfast. No additional paperwork needed!

#### Meal Payment Options

If you want to make meal payments online, keep track of transactions, or complete the free and reduced - price meal application online, sign up for an account on Pay Schools Central today! ([www.PayschoolsCentral.com](http://www.PayschoolsCentral.com))

You can visit the website in your browser, or download the PaySchools Central Mobile app! (scan the QR code to download.) Please remember, unpaid meal balances must be paid in full.



To view our daily menus, please visit [www.myschoolmenus.com](http://www.myschoolmenus.com), ([click here](#)) or download the mobile app!

Remember to turn in your free and reduced - price meal applications! A new application is needed every school year. Turn them in before October 9th to ensure no lapse in benefits.





# NUTRITION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



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Services

## Summer EBT Program

An important update from the Department of Education & Workforce for families participating in the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (Summer EBT) program:

The 2025 Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (Summer EBT) program is winding down and we are aware that many eligible students have not utilized the benefits issued in June. The one-time Summer EBT benefit expires 122 days after issuance and benefits distributed in June will be expunged as early as October 10th if they are not spent. We encourage families to utilize the Summer EBT benefits as quickly as possible.

Families who have lost or never received their child's card, can visit Summer EBT FAQs and navigate to "How can I get a replacement card if I lost the one from last summer?" to get the steps to have a card reissued.

If you have any questions, please contact SEBT support at 866-244-0071, option 1, submit a support request from the portal or email [support@ohiosunbucks.org](mailto:support@ohiosunbucks.org).

[Frequently asked questions](#)

[Check balance here](#)



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Department of  
Job & Family Services



## Welcome back, Dukes!

Every Wednesday at WHS we are having students participate in “Walk in their shoes Wednesday.” This is a PBIS (positive behavioral interventions and supports) activity.



Students receive a worksheet with BINGO questions like “which staff member has lived out of state? Which staff member has their Master’s degree? What year was WHS built? Which staff member served in the military?” These questions help us to develop empathy for our teachers, have fun and connect with our peers! Students win prizes for completing their BINGO cards and have fun in the process.

All students in grades 9-12 will be attending the Career Expo at the Lorain County Fairgrounds on October 22. Their experience will be aligned to their aptitudes and career interest inventories they discovered in the [YouScience](#) test. Learn more about this event by [clicking here](#). This is put on by the Educational Service Center of Lorain County.

## Why the Career Expo Matters

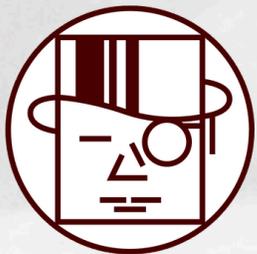
Over 2,500 students will explore hands-on, interactive exhibits designed to connect classroom learning to real-world careers. Businesses and educators partner to help students see, touch, and try skills that lead to future opportunities.

The Lorain County Business Advisory Council is building on the success of the Mahoning Valley Skilled Trades Expo, created by the Eastern Ohio ESC, but expanding the model to include all career pathways. The Expo is open to all businesses and organizations, with special emphasis on high-demand fields such as the skilled trades, Healthcare, Information Technology, Manufacturing, and STEM.

## Homecoming Week fun & Spirit Days!



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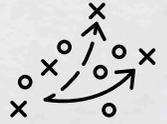
## Homecoming Week Bonfire Memories!



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# Annual Powderpuff Tradition



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LET'S GO

**DUKES!**

## *Meet our Staff!*

### **Meet Special Director of Student Services, Dan Rahm:**

My name is Dan Rahm and I am the Director of Student Services for the Wellington Exempted Village School District.

It is my pleasure to serve our students, staff, and families throughout our community. I have been employed in public education for over twenty years. I started my career as a paraprofessional with the Positive Education Program and have experience as a Special Education Teacher and building principal in Lorain County public school districts.



The overarching goal of the Student Services department is to support our students, families, and staff to give all of our students the support and skills they need to be successful across a variety of settings. I am honored to be a Duke and part of the Wellington community. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have regarding your child. Please continue to visit our website for news and updates. I wish you all a wonderful and successful school year. Go Dukes!

### **Meet Special Education Coordinator, Pattie Roush:**

Hello! My name is Pattie Roush and I am the Special Education Coordinator for Wellington Exempted Village Schools. I live in Wellington with my husband, two children and our 2 dogs.

I love working in the community I reside in! I have my Bachelors degree in Elementary Education and my Masters degree in Special Education. I have taught a variety of grades and populations and I am excited to serve the Wellington community! I look forward to working with families, students and staff to make sure ALL students receive the appropriate instruction and support to be successful.



## Meet our Staff!

### Student Services Facilitates:

- Special Education Services
- Gifted Education Services
- English Language Learners (ELL) Services
- Enrollment and Registration
- Attendance and Truancy
- School Psychologist Services
- Social Worker Services
- Child Find
- ADA Section 504 Compliance
- Speech and Language Services
- Occupational Therapy Services
- Physical Therapy Services
- Audiology and Vision Services
- Orientation and Mobility
- Special Olympics

**[Click here to visit the Student Services website!](#)**

## STAY IN THE KNOW!

Let's be friends!



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[Westwood Elementary School](#)

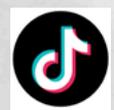
[McCormick Middle School](#)

[Wellington High School](#)

[Wellington Friends of Theater](#)



**TikTok:** WellingTok



**Instagram:** dukes\_k12

**Instagram Athletics:**



[wellington\\_dukes\\_athletics](#)

**YouTube: Search: WEVSD**



Follow your child(s) Class Dojo app  
for class specific information.

# Westwood

## 2024 Important Dates

### September

- 1: No School - Labor Day
- 9: Parent Co-op Meeting @ 6pm (WWE Library)
- 2-17: NWEA MAPS Testing (K-3)
- 2-17: Acadience Testing (K-3)
- 9: Start Westwood Spirit Wear Fundraiser
- 16: Girl Scout Bracelet Rally (during school hours)
- 16: K Kids Meeting @ 2:45pm (WWE Cafe)
- 22: Start Tri-C Parent Co-op Fundraiser
- 24: End Westwood Spirit Wear Fundraiser
- 18: Picture Day



### October

- 7: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent Meeting @ 4:00pm or 5:15pm (WWE Cafe)
- 8: End Tri-C Parent Co-op Fundraiser
- 9: Parent Teacher Conferences (3:30pm-7:30pm)
- 10: NEOEA Day - No School
- 14: Parent Co-op Meeting @ 6pm (WWE Library)
- 16: First Grade Field Trip (Playhouse Square)
- 21 & 23: Fall ELA Test (3rd Grade)
- 26: Co-op Sponsored Trunk-or-Treat (Lindley Parking Lot, 2pm-4pm)
- 31: End Quarter 1

### November

- 3: Professional Development Day - No School
- 4-6: NNAT3 Gifted Testing (2nd Grade)
- 6: Parent Teacher Conferences (3:30pm-7:30pm)
- 7: Parent Teacher Conferences - No School
- 11: Parent Co-op Meeting @ 6pm (WWE Library)
- 26: Teacher Comp Day - No School
- 27-28: Thanksgiving Vacation - No School
- 12/1: School Resumes



# PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

SHOW DATES



DECEMBER 4-6

Wellington High School and Community Theater is at the  
Patricia Lindley Center for the Performing Arts  
627 North Main Street  
Wellington, Ohio 44090

*Check out our new  
performing arts  
website here!*



## WELLINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS



MMS AGRISCIENCE TEACHER &  
FFA ADVISOR



# Alison Butler

### What is your position title at Wellington?

Middle School Agricultural Science Teacher and  
FFA Advisor.

### What excites you the most about the job you will be doing?

Continuing to build the middle school Ag and FFA  
programs and providing students with meaningful  
opportunities in the classroom and beyond.

### What was your favorite subject as a student?

Ag science!

### What are you most looking forward to this school year?

Getting to know students, co-workers, and community  
members.

### What made you want to work in Wellington Schools?

It's a small, welcoming community that feels like home.

### What sort of activities or hobbies do you have outside of your career?

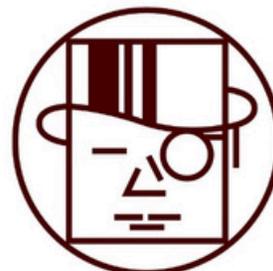
Hiking, kayaking, working with horses, and spending  
time with family.

### What wisdom would you share with your students?

Get involved, try new things, and don't be afraid to step  
outside of your comfort zone.

### What would be your superpower and why?

The ability to pause time because there are never  
enough hours in a day.



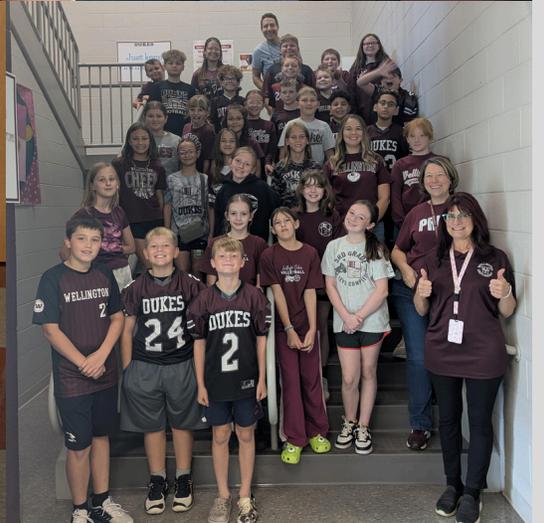


FFA students in grades 7 - 12 headed to the *Career Development Event (CDE)* for soil judging in Huron County (pictured.)

The WHS FFA team also competed in the Forestry CDE and will work with Firelands, Black River & JVS FFA chapters on October 3 at the LC fairgrounds for “Food For America day.”

# LEARNING AROUND OUR DISTRICT

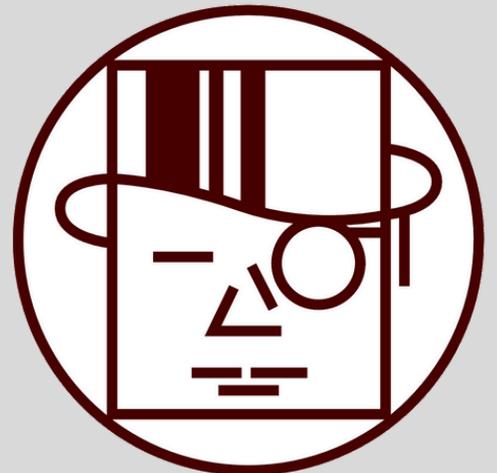




# VARSITY FOOTBALL



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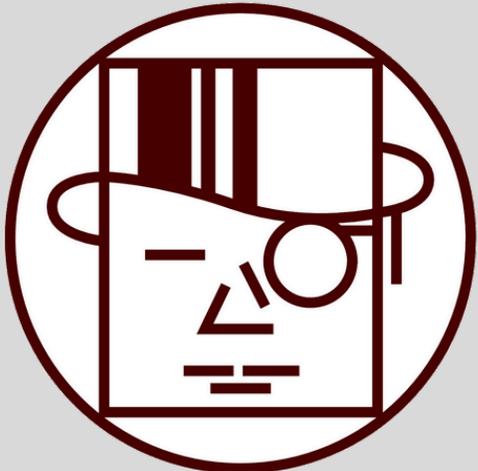


# FALL 2025 SPORTS TEAMS

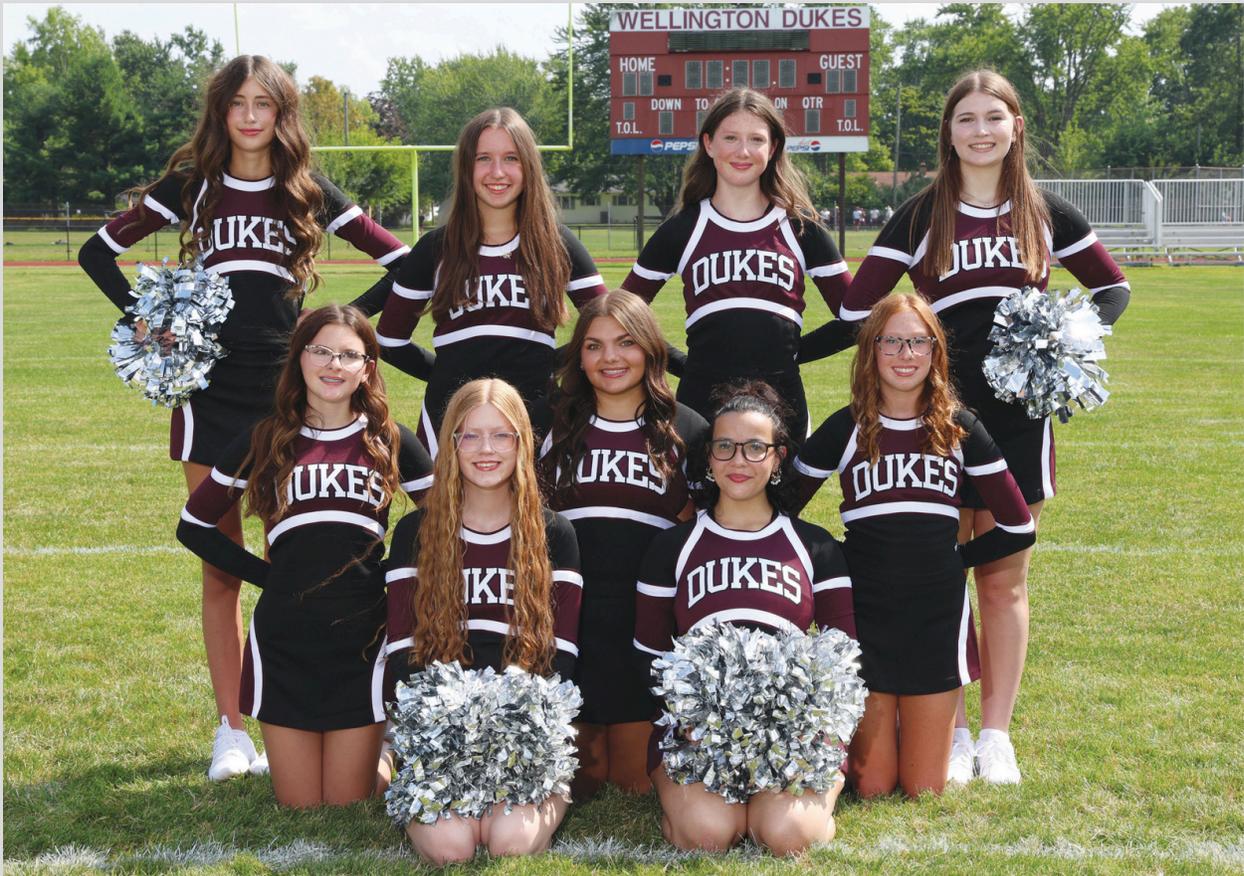
# JR HIGH FOOTBALL



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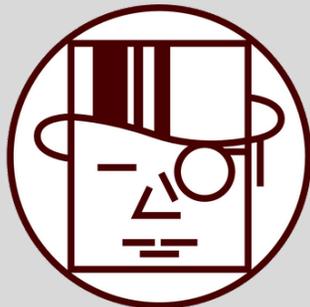


# FALL 2025 WHS SPORTS TEAMS

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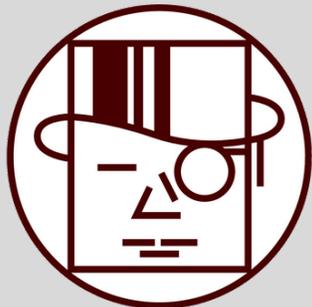


# FALL 2025 WHS SPORTS TEAMS

# VOLLEYBALL



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# FALL 2025 WHS SPORTS TEAMS

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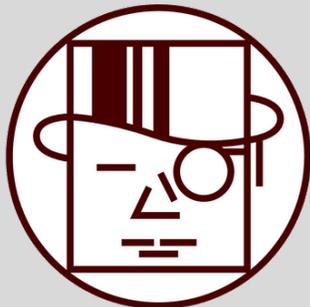


# FALL 2025 WHS SPORTS TEAMS

# CROSS COUNTRY



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# GOLF

