

WELLINGTON
EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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IMPORTANT DATES

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. 11: Parent Co-Op Meeting at 3:00 p.m. @ Westwood cafeteria

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

Nov. 18: BOE Work Session @ WHS

Nov. 26 - 28: Thanksgiving Vacation

Dec. 2: BOE Work Session @ WW

Dec. 4, 5 & 6: WHS Drama presents "Christmas Movie Wonderthon" PAC

Dec. 16: BOE Business Session @ WHS

Dec. 9: MMS & WHS Band Holiday Concert grades 6 - 12

Dec. 9: Parent Co-Op Meeting 6 p.m. Westwood Library

Dec. 11: Polar Express Assembly (WW

Dec. 13: Cookies with Santa (WW)

Dec. 22 - Jan 2: Winter Break (no school) Jan. 5: School resumes

PREPARING FOR OUR FUTURE

LETTER FROM DR. PELTZ, SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Wellington Families,

We at Wellington Exempted Village Schools view education not as a series of courses to complete, but instead as a journey of self-discovery and personal fulfillment. It is our goal that every Duke is prepared to move forward confidently and successfully after they graduate. This does not happen on its own.

To make this goal a reality, we have invested heavily in helping our students develop the academic, social, and employability skills they need to continue their education and/or enter the workforce. During the first quarter alone, our upper-middle and high school students have identified their personal strengths, aptitudes, and career interests so they can align their classes and educational pathways with their wants and needs.

We partnered with the Lorain Business Advisory Council to have our 7th-12th graders participate in a hands-on career exploration experience at the new Ross Expo Center at the fairgrounds. Our College Now advisor has already met with all of our seniors and is now meeting with our underclassmen to ensure they understand their post-secondary options and are prepared for their next steps.

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Starting with the 2025-26 school year, we now offer courses tailored to help students secure meaningful internships and work experiences while earning high school credits. The Career Based Intervention classes help our students develop the needed skills to not only win the interview, but also remain employed.

We have also increased our number of opportunities for college visits, in-person College Credit Plus (CCP) courses, and career technical education pathways at the middle school.

Our teachers have also begun to embed interview opportunities for our middle schoolers to learn and practice social etiquette and techniques, so that when they interview for future jobs, scholarships, and promotions, they can do so confidently.

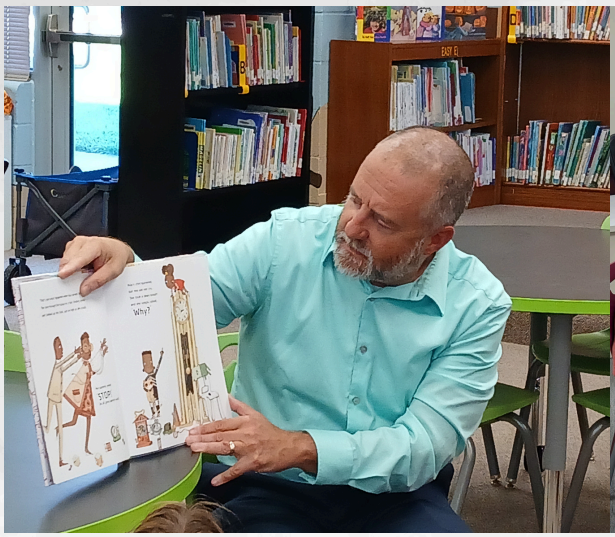
Finally, we have created the Duke Leadership Academy for grades 7-9 that focuses on developing our students' leadership capacity and instilling a positive school culture grounded in student advocacy and the maximization of individual potential.

Our message is that Wellington can be greater than the sum of its parts if we all work together to ensure mutual success. These are just the beginning action steps we are taking to ensure our Dukes are ready for the futures they create for themselves.

I am proud of all we have accomplished in the first quarter and excited to continue adding to our growing list of opportunities and experiences as the year progresses.

Go Dukes!

-Andy Peltz





MS. GLASURE'S CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS



District Professional Development Day on November 3

Syllabus Creation

Our district is developing consistent K–12 syllabi to clearly communicate learning goals, expectations, and supports for students and families. Each syllabus will look different at the elementary, middle, and high school levels but will share a common goal of transparency and connection to student success. Teachers will work on these during the upcoming professional development day as we continue to align our curriculum with the district's vision of empowering adaptable, confident, and compassionate learners.

Artificial Intelligence Credentials Workshop

Exploring the Future: AI in Education

Teachers across the district took part in an exciting professional development session exploring the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in teaching and learning. The training introduced educators to the basics of AI, demonstrated real-world applications, and showcased classroom tools like Magic School, Teachable Machine, and Thinglink that make learning more engaging and personalized. Teachers also learned how large language models, such as ChatGPT and Gemini, can help streamline lesson planning and spark creativity. The day ended with interactive demonstrations and valuable resources to continue exploring AI's potential in education. Our staff left energized and ready to bring innovative, future-focused learning experiences to students.

Middle School Science Curriculum Review

Our current middle school science curriculum, McDougal Science Fusion, will be out of print at the end of this year. To ensure students continue to receive high-quality, engaging science instruction, our educators have begun reviewing two strong curriculum options for next school year: TCI's middle school science program and Savvas Experience Science. Both programs emphasize hands-on, phenomenon-based learning and align with state science standards and next generation science standards while providing flexible digital and print resources for teachers and students. We look forward to selecting a curriculum that engages students, supports teachers, and prepares students for success in science.

MS. GLASURE'S CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS



District Professional Development Day on November 3

UFLI Professional Development

Westwood and McCormick ELA teachers were trained in UFLI Foundations and were able to implement the intervention with their students the next day!

What is UFLI? An explicit and systematic program that teaches students the foundational skills necessary for proficient reading. It follows a carefully developed scope and sequence designed to ensure that students systematically acquire each skill needed and learn to apply each skill with automaticity and confidence. The program is designed to be used for core instruction in the primary grades or for intervention with struggling students in any grade. UFLI is on the Approved List of Core Foundational Skills Curriculum and Reading Intervention Programs from the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce.



TREASURER'S OFFICE UPDATE

A MESSAGE FROM MR. BAILEY

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Wellington Exempted Village Schools are the heart of our community. Our schools help bring the community together and are a sense of pride. "Once a Duke, always a Duke!"

Our schools are where our children learn and grow and where the future of our community take shape. The property tax proposals currently in the legislature threaten school funding and community stability. These proposals do not provide relief to struggling taxpayers.

These legislative bills are more than policy; they're about protecting the future of our students, our families, and our communities. These legislative proposals do not lower property taxes for residents. They force schools to return to voters more frequently. They do not reduce costs but only shift the costs and the timing. State funding for public schools is at an all-time low, forcing more responsibility to the local level.

Here are some of the bills currently in legislature regarding school funding for all districts in Ohio:

HB 129 - Fixed Sum & Emergency Levies- Restructures emergency and substitute levies. The impact of this bill is that districts will eventually need new money operating levies. By limiting renewals of fixed-sum levies that qualify for the 12.5% rollback reimbursement from the state, local taxpayers will shoulder the full cost of future operating levies. This change ultimately increases the burden on local property taxpayers.

HB 309 - County Budget Commission Authority- This bill gives County Budget Commissions (CBCs) authority to reduce any voter-approved levy (except debt levies) if collections are deemed ""unnecessary"" or "excessive." This will allow the County Budget Commission to override voter decisions and the authority, governance, and planning decisions of elected school boards.

Click here to read our monthly Financial Statements!



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HB 335 - Inside Millage Growth Cap, caps the growth of inside millage at the rate of inflation (same GDP deflator as in HB 186). This bill does not provide property tax relief. The modest growth districts see from inside millage helps extend levy cycles. By capping that growth (particularly for districts not at the 20-mill floor), this bill accelerates how soon and how often districts must return to the ballot.

These bills will dramatically reduce school funding for Wellington Schools and all districts in Ohio without any adjustments to state funding to offset the lost revenue if they are passed.

As stated in Dr. Peltz's article, we are urging community members to talk with their legislators and to share this message:

"Reform must be balanced. Funding for local services and public schools hasn't always been this way. The burden should not and cannot fall solely on families. It's time for Ohio's lawmakers to implement a balanced funding system that protects what matters most."

-Pete Bailey

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Visit our website to view our 5-year-forecast, annual audit reports and monthly financial statements.

DUKES DEEP DIVE QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

If you could swap lives with any character from a book or movie, who would it be and why?



Deric Lynn (8th grade): "Spiderman so I can fly and shoot webs."



Gunner Broud (8th grade): "I would be Vin Diesel from Fast and Furious because he's so cool."



Skylar Magrum (7th grade): "Harry Potter so I can be wandering around the wizarding universe."



Jasper Barnes (8th grade): "Shrek because he's handsome."



Rob Ronsky (McCormick staff): "Marty McFly (Back To The Future) so I can travel through time."



Camryn Morris (Senior): "Harry Potter because I want to go to Hogwarts."



Rob Howells (WHS staff): "I would be Superman so I have strength and can fly."



Jacqueline Dunlap (Westwood staff): "I would be Lightning McQueen because I like to go fast."



Matt Kimmich (McCormick staff): "Aragorn from Lord of the Rings, I love his journey running from his heritage, afraid of failure and then leading the armies to victory."

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If you could swap lives with any character from a book or movie, who would it be and why?



Camryn Stump (Sophomore): "Hermione Granger because she's smart."



Lindsay Bowman (District staff): "Ella from Disney's Cinderella because she says to "have courage and be kind."



Hadley Flemming (Freshman): "Annabeth from Percy Jackson because she's so intelligent."



Grace Cornelius (WHS staff): "Sherlock Holmes because I want to solve mysteries and think quickly."



Jaxon Rodriguez (Freshman): "Batman because he's so awesome."



Nathan Morris (McCormick staff): "Buddy the Elf because I like smiling and he doesn't care what other people think."



Payton Ausse (Freshman): "Newt from the Maze Runner because he's smart and has a lot of friends."



Jaycie Kazmierczak (Third grade): "I would be the lifeguard Wendy from The Sandlot because I want to be a lifeguard."

DUKES DEEP DIVE QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

If you could swap lives with any character from a book or movie, who would it be and why?



Liam Roberts (Third grade): "Mr. Incredible because he's powerful."



Bobby Figuly (McCormick staff): "Rocky Balboa to relish the role of the underdog and developing a strong work ethic."



Chase Karl (Third grade): "Thomas the train because I like trains and I want to travel along to see a big train."



Cathy Kurtz (Westwood staff): "If I could be a character from a book, I would be Snow White because she was very good with animals and compassionate.."

WELLINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

NUTRITION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

A Spooky & Delicious Lunch



Andrea Helton,
MS, RDN LD
Director of Nutrition Services

On Halloween, the Nutrition Services Department served a special treat at all three schools.

At WHS, students enjoyed a special meal of "Hallowings" to celebrate. Students loved the wings and sauce options!













Each school received a fun fruit side of pineapple and mandarin oranges topped with whipped cream and candy corn.







NUTRITION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Loading Money onto School Breakfast & Lunch Accounts



Andrea Helton, MS, RDN LD
Director of Nutrition Services

Please remember to load money onto your student(s) meal accounts! You can do this online at www.payschoolscentral.com or send cash or a check made out to Wellington Schools Nutrition Services.

Please remember, you are responsible for paying any balances accrued by the end of the school year. Free and Reduced-Price Meal applications can be turned in at any time during the school year. If you think you may qualify, apply online at www.payschoolscentral.com, receive a printed copy from the main office at any school building, or print a copy from the school website. All students should go on one application.

Below, all of our third grade students enjoyed a big breakfast before their state testing in October. Thank you to our Nutrition Services team!











Westwood IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

3: Professional Development Day - **No School**
4-6: NNAT3 Gifted Testing (2nd Grade)
4-17: Parent Co-op Nothing Bundt Cakes Fundraiser
6: Parent Teacher Conferences (3:30pm-7:30pm)
7: Parent Teacher Conferences - **No School**
10: Picture Retake Day
11: K-Kids Meeting @3pm (WWE Cafe)
11: Parent Co-op Meeting @ 6pm (WWE Library)
25: Nothing Bundt Cakes Fundraiser Delivery
26: Teacher Comp Day - **No School**
27-28: Thanksgiving Vacation - **No School**

GRATITUDE SPIRIT WEEK

NOVEMBER 10-14

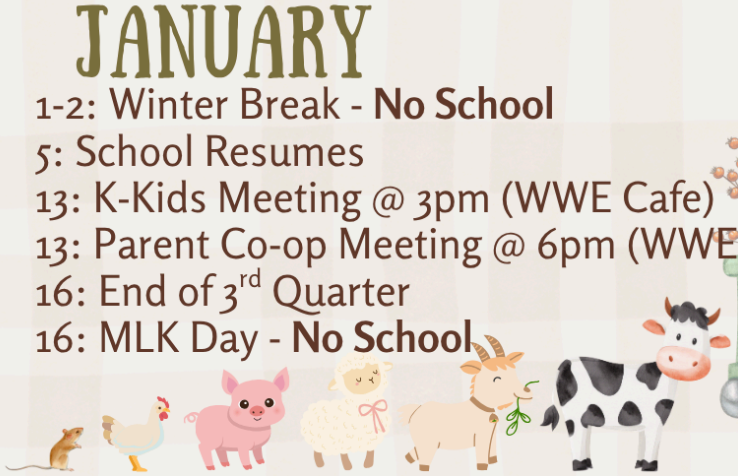
Monday - Pattern Day
Tuesday - Red, White, Blue Day
Wednesday - Pink, Red, Hearts Day
Thursday - Orange Day
Friday - DUKE Day
More info coming soon!

DECEMBER

1: School Resumes
9: K-Kids Meeting @3pm (WWE Cafe)
9: Parent Co-op Meeting @6pm (WWE Library)
11: Polar Express Assembly
12: Parent Co-op Sponsored "Cookies with Santa" 5-7pm (WWE)
15-19: Parent Co-op Santa Shop *during library classes*
16: Winter Concert - Kindergarten at 5:30pm, 1st Grade at 6:30pm (Lindley Center)
17: Winter Concert - 2nd Grade at 5:30pm, 3rd Grade at 6:30pm (Lindley Center)
22-31: Winter Break - **No School**

JANUARY

1-2: Winter Break - **No School**
5: School Resumes
13: K-Kids Meeting @ 3pm (WWE Cafe)
13: Parent Co-op Meeting @ 6pm (WWE Library)
16: End of 3rd Quarter
16: MLK Day - **No School**





WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Lorain County Career Expo Recap!



Our entire high school (and 7th and 8th graders) of Dukes experienced the first annual Lorain County Career Expo in October in our backyard at the Ross Expo Center at the Lorain County Fairgrounds!

Students learned with their hands and tried 3D printing, drywalling, CPR, changing tires, electrical panel troubleshooting, HVAC careers, surveying equipment, drones and more! "You can't BE it if you can't SEE it!" is the motto.

Thank you to the interactive exhibits brought by our local businesses and the Educational Service Center for creating this impactful event. Students had the opportunity to explore hands-on, interactive exhibits designed to connect classroom learning to real-world careers. Businesses and educators partnered to help students see, touch, and try skills that lead to future opportunities. Check out the photos on pages 14 - 18.

The Expo was open to all businesses and organizations, with a special emphasis on high-demand fields such as the skilled trades, Healthcare, Information Technology, Manufacturing, and STEM.



College Readiness

We have a focus on College and Career readiness with some exciting upcoming College visits in November:

- Students in grades 10-12 are invited to attend our College Visit on 11/17.
- **WHERE:** The University of Akron and Walsh University.
- **WHEN:** November 17th from 7:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
- **DETAILS:** It's completely free and lunch will be provided at Walsh.
- **WHY:** This is a great opportunity to check out these schools and also to compare a large and small college campus. **Students failing a class are ineligible to attend.**

See our guidance counselor Mrs. Frantz or College Now advisor Mrs. Faust for details on signing up! Sign up by **November 10** *(no late applications accepted.)*
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CAREER EXPO DAY FOR WHS STUDENTS!

At the Ross Expo Center at Lorain County Fairgrounds









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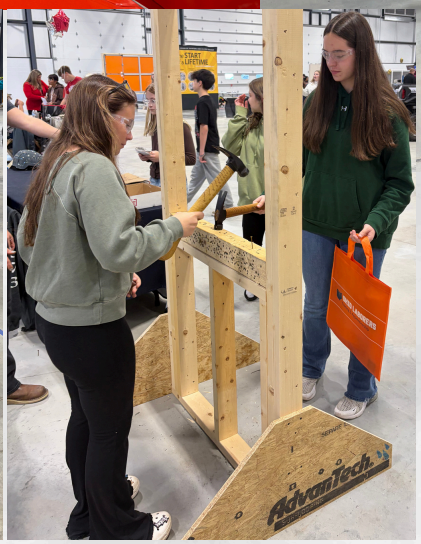










CAREER EXPO DAY FOR JR. HIGH STUDENTS!

At the Ross Expo Center at Lorain County Fairgrounds















PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

WHS & Community Theater News

Join us on December 4 & 5 at 7:00 p.m., and December 6 at 3:00 p.m. for this hilarious holiday show! Tickets are $12 adults, $7 students/seniors/children (cash/check only).



Christmas: *a time for magic.*



A time for the traditions we cherish. A time to watch as many original TV movies as a human being can possibly endure. But now with The Holiday Channel Christmas Movie Wonderthon, you can enjoy the sugar rush of six Christmas movies all at once!

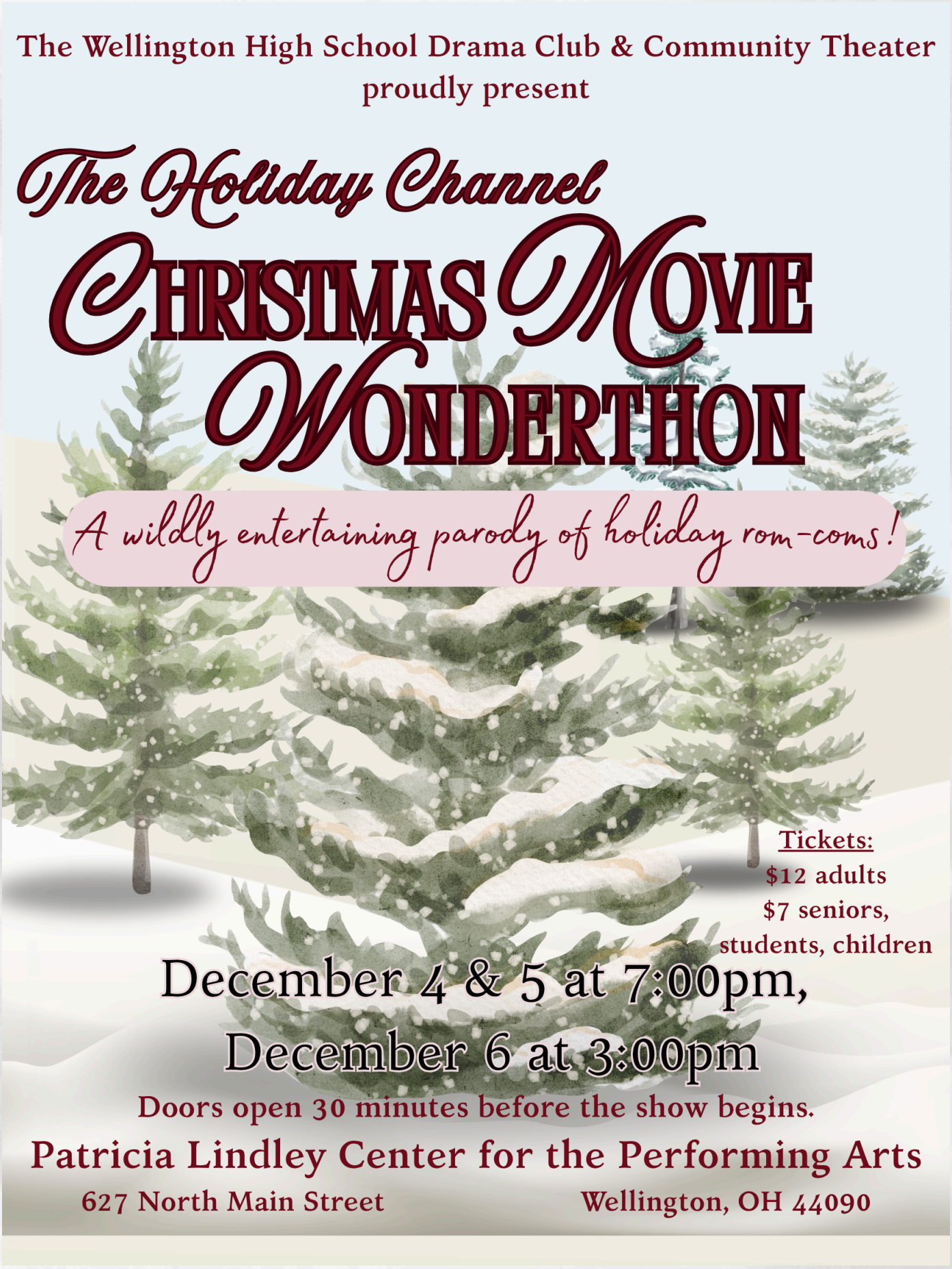
Welcome to Hopewood Falls, Vermont, where singles in adorable sweaters converge to look for love. Can disguises help royalty and/or movie stars find the down-to-earth connections they crave? Will evil city slickers destroy charming inns and/or Christmas tree farms?





Isn't it a little creepy for a meet-cute to depend on one person being in a coma? Grab a hot chocolate and your favorite wise single friend to find out in this wildly entertaining parody of holiday rom-coms.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS



FFA students attended the 98th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis at Lucas Oil Stadium October 29 - November 1. Students traveled with Firelands FFA and broadened their knowledge on tours of Fair Oaks Dairy Farm, the Indianapolis Zoo, Top Golf, Three Hills Rodeo and more. Students also listened to inspiring speeches of retiring National FFA Secretary (from Ohio!) Luke Jennings and cheered on American Degree recipients (Class of 2024 WHS alumni) Jillian Stannard and Scott Hook. ***Congratulations!***





FFA NEWS

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American Degree recipients (Class of 2024 WHS alumni) Jillian Stannard and Scott Hook. As the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization, the American FFA Degree shows an FFA member's dedication to his or her chapter and state FFA association. It demonstrates the effort FFA members apply toward their supervised agricultural experience and the outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement they exhibited through their FFA career.



BAND COMPETITION UPDATE



The Dukes Band took Best Auxiliary and 1st place in class C on October 18 at the Brunswick Spectacular.

It was their last competition of the year but their performance was amazing and we as boosters, family and friends are so very proud of them.



Friday October 24 was Senior Night and each of our 3 seniors chose their favorite song to end the season with.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BAND!









LEARNING AROUND OUR DISTRICT













VOLLEYBALL AWARDS

Congratulations!



Sophia Beck

1st Team LC8
1st Team Lorain County
1st Team District

Congratulations!



Alexandria Mills

2nd Team Lorain County
2nd Team District

Congratulations!



Noli Deidrick

2nd Team LC8
1st Team Lorain County
2nd Team District

Congratulations:



Courtney Krosse

LC8 Honorable Mention
2nd Team Lorain County
2nd Team District

GIRLS SOCCER AWARDS



SENIOR

ADDISON MCCONNELL

CAPTAIN

HONORABLE MENTION

ALL LC8

2ND TEAM

ALL COUNTY

1ST TEAM

GREATER CLEVELAND



GIRLS SOCCER AWARDS



SOPHOMORE
CAMRYN STUMP
CAPTAIN



SENIOR
AMANDA KIDD

1ST TEAM
ALL LC8
1ST TEAM
ALL COUNTY
1ST TEAM
GREATER CLEVELAND



HONORABLE MENTION
ALL COUNTY
HONORABLE MENTION
GREATER CLEVELAND





SOPHOMORE
CAEDYN WACKER



SOPHOMORE
PEYTON WEST

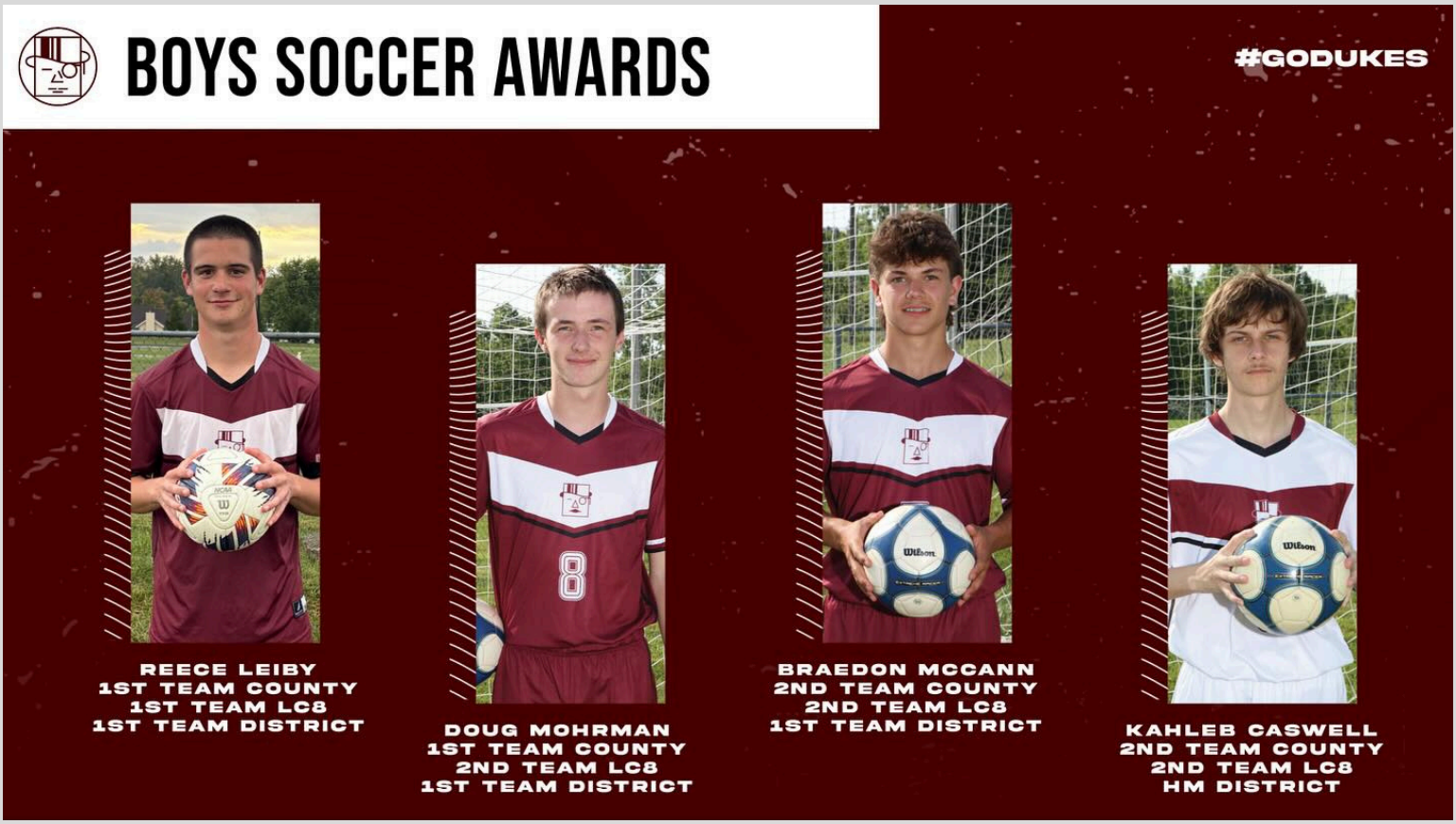
2ND TEAM
ALL LC8
1ST TEAM
ALL COUNTY
HONORABLE MENTION
GREATER CLEVELAND



HONORABLE MENTION
ALL COUNTY



BOYS SOCCER AWARDS





CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS



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Lauren Vannatter

1ST TEAM LC8
1ST TEAM COUNTY



Nick Sword

3RD TEAM LC8



Fynlee Morris

3RD TEAM LC8



Hadley Fleming

3RD TEAM LC8

GOLF AWARDS

