



THE BLUE DEVIL DISPATCH

FEBRUARY 2026



From the Superintendent

Hello Wickliffe!

I hope everyone has been staying safe and warm these frigid winter days. As Superintendent, I understand that our winter weather decisions impact everyone, and I want to thank you for your trust as we prioritize the safety of our students and staff. Our goal is always to make the safest, most informed call we can. So, as we continue to navigate the season, I wanted to share how we approach school closures and what they mean for our calendar.

First of all, SAFETY FIRST! Our decision process begins late at night and continues thru the early morning hours. We check with the city road crews, our district transportation staff, local law enforcement, and neighboring districts... all while monitoring forecasts and real-time conditions. We really focus on three major factors: road conditions & bus route safety; power and heat conditions in our buildings; and extreme outdoor temperatures and wind chill. Wind chill is a particularly challenging one, as each individual student's safety depends on their personal exposure, meaning our walkers and bus riders are at higher risk.

Secondly, SNOW DAYS. People ask me how many snow days we're allowed... well, Ohio now measures the school year by instructional hours, not days. This gives us so much more flexibility to make the right decisions. Our school calendar is deliberated created with extra hours built-in beyond the state minimum, giving us plenty of buffer for closures. While the last few days have brought ice, snow, and school closures, we do not currently anticipate any need to add "make-up days".

This is a good time to remind you to keep up-to-date with the district by following us on our [new district Facebook page](#), and note that you can find more details about school closings and notifications [here on our website](#). We appreciate your patience and understanding during these cold days.

Thank You,
Mike Chokshi
Superintendent, Wickliffe City School District



Follow Us on Facebook!

Stay connected with Wickliffe City School District by following our official [Facebook page](#) for important updates, school news, and upcoming events. We look forward to staying connected with our families throughout the year.

School Attendance

From the Attendance Office

The new attendance law requires schools to count all absences, both excused and unexcused, when we review student attendance. If your child is absent or sick for 10 or more days/65 or more hours, a doctors note is required. This helps us keep accurate records and support your child when they return to school.



Please notify the office first thing in the morning by phone, email, or note if your child will be leaving school early. Without prior notice, there may be a delay in getting your student to the office for dismissal, which could cause you to be late for your appointment. Lower School parents should also inform their child's teacher.
Thank you for your cooperation!

2025-2026 Yearbook Purchase!

Purchase your child's yearbook today on Josten's website

<https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09878534>



Upper School Info



Parent Teacher Conferences

February 26 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

From 4:00 to 5:30 PM, families are welcome to stop in at any time to meet with their child's teacher. From 5:30 to 7:00 PM, meetings will be held by invitation only.

Partnership with Willoughby-Eastlake Schools Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs

Dear Sophomores and Families,

The application will be open through January 30. There is no advantage to applying early, as the order of submission does not impact selection.

Students will be asked to select their first, second, and third choice programs. Placement is determined using a rubric that considers academic performance, attendance, behavior, and whether the application is submitted on time.

Families will be notified by email on February 13 if a student has been accepted into a program or placed on a waitlist. Students must accept or decline their offer by February 20. After that date, available spots will be filled from the waitlist. This process will continue until all programs are filled.

LPN applicants: Passing scores on the ACT WorkKeys are required. Students should see their school counselor to sign up. Additional details are available in the ACT WorkKeys flyer.

Application link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuFeyz2P6HXMVI3GH-DP6tc9CA_ohmFhxogOKkqPYP0wb3kQ/viewform

NCI Willoughby

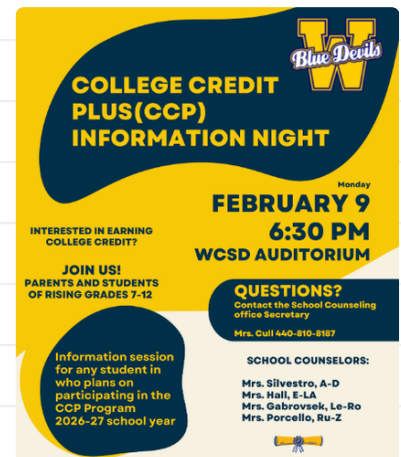
<https://nciwilloughby.weschools.org/>

NCI Eastlake

<https://ncieastlake.weschools.org/>

College Credit Plus (CCP)

College Credit Plus (CCP) Information Night is Monday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m. in The Campus of Wickliffe Auditorium. College Credit Plus is Ohio's dual enrollment program that provides students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to earn both college credits and high school credits.



What will be covered at CCP Info Night?

- What is CCP?
- Options for participation
- Cost to student and families
- Expectations and responsibilities
- Learn more about ccp admissions requirements, criteria, next steps and timeline to taking college classes while in grades 7-12

CCP Info Night is not required for every student to attend but it is an educational opportunity for students in rising grades 7-12. Students interested in CCP for the 26-27 school year should attend CCP Information Night with a parent. For participation and acceptance into the CCP program, students must meet the ccp admissions criteria set by the college or university.

[Intent to Participate Form](#)

🚌 College Tour 🏠

The school counseling department and College Now are excited to have received funding to offer a free field trip to sophomores and juniors to tour the University of Akron and Baldwin Wallace University.

Bus will leave at 7:30am and return at 4:15pm.

Space is limited to 30 students. Permission slips are due to Mrs. Cull in the counseling office no later than February 25, 2026

Field Trip Form

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BPooEX9BRLaOrmwfqgiO4nBQKVame5eaX8cDP7F0cN0/edit?usp=sharing>

Field Trip Flyer

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/188ufbPHMqFaw2PmPWKkIX6WJWEnuOMV4/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117906112634454114506&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Highlights From Our Campus

👥 Supporting One of Our Own!! 👥

We're excited to share that one of your students, Margot Payne, is currently performing in Seussical at Near West Theatre, and we'd love your help celebrating her.

Seussical is a joyful, family-friendly musical that brings the world of Dr. Seuss to life while celebrating imagination, kindness, and the power of young voices. Featuring performers ages 9–15, this production highlights the creativity, confidence, and collaboration your student brings both to the stage and their school community.

Thank you for supporting Margot's artistic growth and helping us celebrate her accomplishments.
www.nearwesttheatre.org

Near West Theatre creates life-changing theatre arts experiences that empower our community.

NEAR WEST THEATRE
PRESENTS

Seussical

FEBRUARY 6 - 22, 2026

FRIDAY & SATURDAY - 7:30 PM
SUNDAY - 2 PM



Margot

Come see your classmate in Seussical!
Seussical, family-friendly musical that brings
Dr. Seuss's beloved characters to life.

This heartwarming story follows Horton the Elephant as he
protects the tiny Whos, champions kindness, and reminds us
all of the importance of imagination, empathy, and community.

Tickets

Adults: \$20

Children (12 & Under): \$15

Pay What You Choose Options Available

[Click Here to Get Your Tickets!](#)

Near West Theatre
6702 Detroit Ave.,
Cleveland's Gordon Square Arts District.
Box Office: 216-961-6391 | nearwesttheatre.org



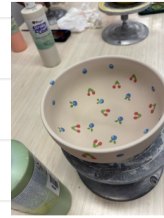
Learn, Lead, Serve

January focused on substance recovery and community health, featuring guest partners from Signature Health, hands-on Narcan training and protocols, Deterra medication disposal kits, a Substance 101 session led by the ADAMHS Board, and Project White Butterfly. In addition, several of our volunteers collaborated with Ms. Urbas and FRC Director, Katelynn Guerbach to glaze ceramic bowls for the Empty Bowls project—an impressive display of creativity and service. Another group of volunteers are creating tie blankets for our service partners.

"Empty Bowls is a global initiative begun in 1990 to raise awareness and funds to combat hunger. Locally, the North Coast Lions Club and the General Federation of Women's Club of Eastlake are partnering to host this event. Local artisans donate bowls; attendees select a bowl and enjoy a simple meal of soup, bread, and dessert, then keep the bowl as a reminder of the cause. Proceeds benefit local food banks and help educate our community about poverty and hunger." The Empty Bowls event is Thursday, March 12th, 5-7 PM. See hyperlink for additional details and contact information.



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**WHS
BASKETBALL**

**YOUTH NIGHT
SENIOR NIGHT
WEAR YOUR NEON!**

 **WHS GIRLS VS
ST. JOHN - 5:30PM**

 **WHS VARSITY BOYS
VS ST. JOHN - 7PM**

**TICKETS ARE \$5
FOR STUDENTS, 8 FOR ADULTS.
PAYABLE AT THE DOOR OR ONLINE
fees may apply
FEBRUARY 9TH @ THE CAMPUS OF
WICKLIFFE**

WCS PTO

Meeting is February 11, 2026 from 6:30 - 7:30

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/qux-rjhw-nqb>

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/WCSDPTO>

WCS FRC

NEWSLETTERS



Access the Family Resource Center newsletter [here](#)! Stay in the know about things like Primary Care and Dental services through Signature Health, Community Laundry events, county services such as HEAP/PIPP, and so much more!

Click here for the FRC Newsletter!

Mobile Dentist

The Mobile Dentists will be visiting the Campus of Wickliffe on March 11-13th! All Wickliffe students grades PK-12 are eligible to receive dental services.



Paper registration forms will be sent home with Lower School students sometime in February, but you can also register online using the link below.

https://www.myschooldentist.com/WEWIOH_sch

Celebrate with Cake!

Birthday Cake Kits are available!

We have birthday cake kits available at the FRC. Please use this form to request one. Kits will need to be picked up at the Family Resource Center of Wickliffe, located at 2255 Rockefeller Road, Wickliffe.

Cakes can be made using only the ingredients in the kit (no eggs or oil needed).



Kits contain

- 1 box of cake mix
- 1 container of frosting
- 1 can of soda
- 1 cake pan and lid
- 1 package of plates
- 1 package of birthday candles
- Directions for making the cake

Kits have been generously donated by Good Deeds Ohio and others. Quantities are limited.

We will call you once the request is received to arrange a time for you to pick up.

Questions - call Katelynn at 440-810-8201.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-QNnl1TZffrykSRpfQ_gtzKSDCvaRdfUSdzAZlev-Dw8wgg/viewform?usp=dialog



Tiara Durrah

Tiara is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters