

WESTERN HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

JANUARY 2026

WE ARE ROLLING INTO THE NEW YEAR LOOKING BOTH BACKWARD TO AN EVENTFUL DECEMBER AND FORWARD TO AN EXCITING JANUARY! MARKING PERIOD 2 ENDS JANUARY 16, WITH GRADES POSTING JANUARY 23. CHECK OUT WHAT ELSE IS COMING FOR WHMS, FROM STUDENT DISPLAYS AT COCOA, COOKIES AND CRAFTS, TO WHEN TO CATCH OUR BASKETBALL GAMES.

DATES TO REMEMBER

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

PROGRAMS

SPORTS

GRIZZLY CLUB

COUNSELING CORNER

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JANUARY

JAN 15 - COCOA, COOKIES, AND CRAFTS @5:30

JAN 16 - END OF MARKING PERIOD 2

JAN 16 - 2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL

JAN 19 - MLK JR. DAY - NO SCHOOL

JAN 20- NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY

FEB 6 - GRIZZLY BLUE SNOW TUBING EXCURSION

FEB 13 - 2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL

FEB 16 - PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO SCHOOL

FEB 20 - LEGALLY BLONDE, JR @ 6PM

FEB 21 - LEGALLY BLONDE, JR @ 5PM

FEB 24 - 8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO TECH HIGH





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

EVERY MONTH, GRADE LEVEL TEACHERS NOMINATE TWO STUDENTS OF THE MONTH. BELOW ARE DECEMBER WINNERS!

8TH GRADERS:

LANDON KOZLOWSKI
DANIELA CAMPOS CARDEGENA

7TH GRADERS:

JASON SAFO DEBRAH
JEYMI ECHEVERIA AMAYA

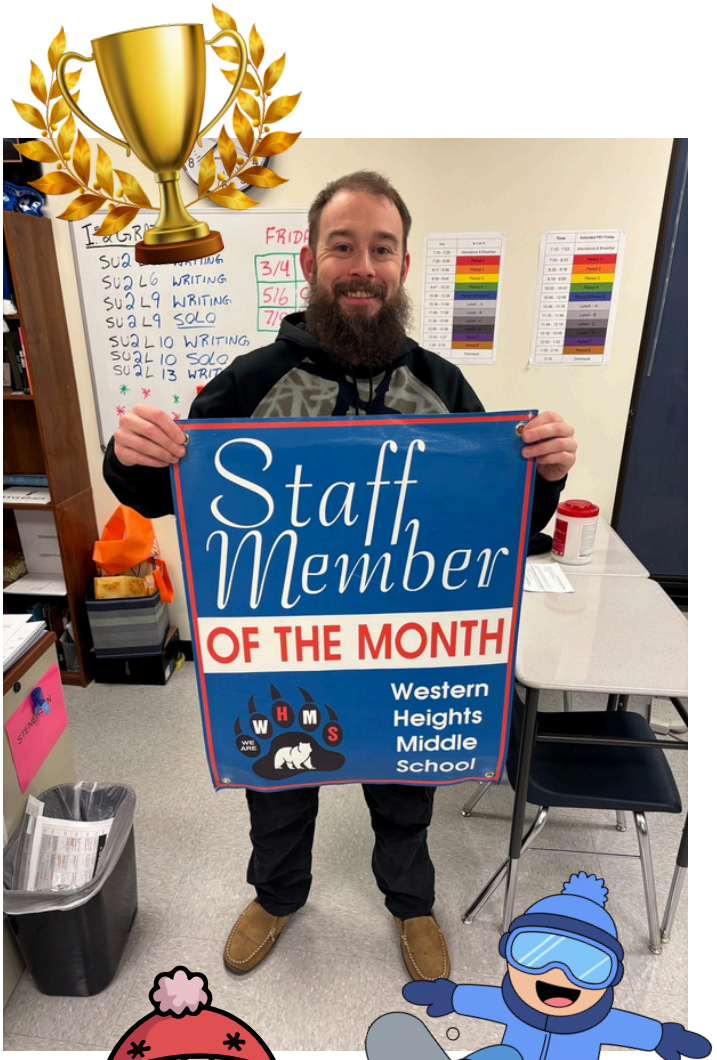
6TH GRADERS:

RAPHAEL YOUMBI
HONESTY CREARY



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS TO 6TH GRADE ELA TEACHER MR. STENERSON FOR WINNING STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER!





"MR. STENERSEN GREW UP IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ATTENDED WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS A STUDENT. WHILE IT IS DEBATABLE AS TO WHETHER MR. STENERSEN EVER GREW UP, HE WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT AT WESTERN HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ABSOLUTELY LOVES TEACHING HIS 6TH GRADERS IN 6TH GRADE ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS.

WHEN MR. STENERSEN IS NOT TEACHING 6TH GRADE ENGLISH, HE LIKES TO TRAVEL, COACH SOCCER, GO HIKING, SNOWBOARD, COOK, BAKE, AND HE LOVES CHEERING ON THE GREATEST FOOTBALL CLUB IN THE ENTIRE WORLD – MANCHESTER UNITED!
MR. STENERSEN IS SO GRATEFUL TO EVERY STAFF MEMBER AT WESTERN HEIGHTS WHO HAS HELPED ALONG THE WAY!"

PROGRAMS

THE GRIZZLY CLUB RECENTLY HOSTED A FIELD TRIP TO SKATE PALACE ON DECEMBER 19TH FOR OUR GRIZZLY BLUE STUDENTS! STUDENTS HAD A GREAT TIME SKATING UNDER THE LIGHTS, EATING FOOD, AND ENJOYING TIME WITH THEIR FRIENDS. BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE PHOTOS FROM THE TRIP BELOW!









WINTER SPORTS



Date	Time
January 10	8am
January 17	11am
January 24	2pm
January 31	11am
February 7	11am
February 16	6pm



EACH GRADE PLAYS AN HOUR BEHIND THE PREVIOUS GRADES. E.G.: 6TH GRADE 11 AM, 7TH GRADE 12PM, 8TH GRADE 1PM

Come Support our Grizzlies!
All games are played at Broadfording Christian Academy!

POSITIVE REFERRALS



COUNSELING CORNER

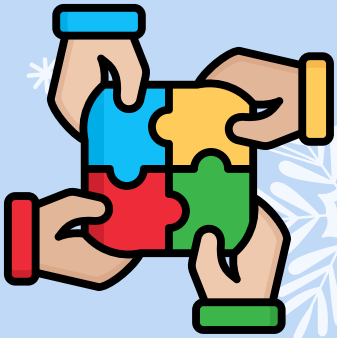
DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

THE COUNSELING TEAM ROUNDED OUT 2025 WITH CLASSROOM LESSONS USING OUR NAVIANCE CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS PLATFORM.

6TH GRADE EXPLORED THE "CAREER CLUSTER FINDER", 7TH GRADE EXPLORED "LEARNING STYLES AND PRODUCTIVITY", AND 8TH GRADERS COMPLETED "STRENGTHS EXPLORER" .

THERE ARE MANY EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING AS WE KICK OFF 2026. 8TH GRADERS WILL BEGIN TO PLAN FOR THE TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL AND WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK OUT ALL OF THE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES THAT BOYD J MICHAEL III TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL HAS TO OFFER. MRS. BOYLE WILL BE IN CLASSROOMS THIS MONTH TO SHARE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE UPCOMING FIELD TRIP AND HAND OUT PERMISSION SLIPS. THE FIELD TRIP IS TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24TH, ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP TO ATTEND. 7TH GRADE WILL BE PREPARING FOR THEIR FIELD TRIP TO HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR CAREER DAY. PERMISSION SLIPS WILL BE COMING HOME SOON!







CREDITS

"We don't read and write poetry because it's cute. We read and write poetry because we are members of the human race. And the human race is filled with passion." -Dead Poets' Society

MEET OUR EDITORS

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