



WESTERN HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

FEBRUARY IS HERE AND THE SECOND HALF OF THE SCHOOL YEAR HAS OFFICIALLY BEGUN! THIS IS A GREAT TIME FOR STUDENTS TO RESET, STAY FOCUSED, AND CONTINUE BUILDING STRONG HABITS IN THE CLASSROOM. AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE WINTER MONTHS, LET'S ENCOURAGE PERSEVERANCE, RESPONSIBILITY, AND A POSITIVE MINDSET AS STUDENTS WORK TOWARD FINISHING THE YEAR STRONG.

EVENTS

UPCOMING DATES TO
REMEMBER

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

STUDENTS OF THE
MONTH

WHMS STAFF

STAFF MEMBER OF THE
MONTH

PROGRAMS

ALL-COUNTY
ORCHESTRA

SPORTS

BASKETBALL
SCHEDULES

GRIZZLY CLUB

JANUARY POSITIVE
REFERRALS

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

COUNSELING CORNER



EVENTS



FEBRUARY

FEB 6- GRIZZLY BLUE SNOW TUBING
FIELD TRIP

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



MARCH

MARCH 13- 2 HOUR EARLY
DISMISSAL



APRIL

APRIL 1- END OF 3RD MARKING
PERIOD AND 2 HOUR EARLY
DISMISSAL

APRIL 2ND- 6TH - SPRING BREAK

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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

8TH GRADERS:

ERNEST GIRARDIN
RYLEE BISER

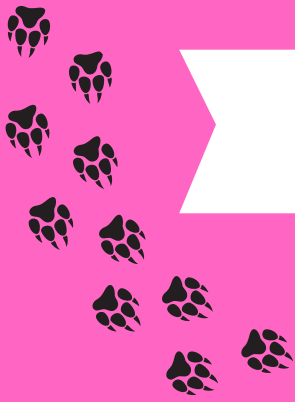
7TH GRADERS:

EMMY DIAZ CASTRO
ADRIAN AVILES APONTE

6TH GRADERS:

CAROLINE RAND
SAMIR TUESTA PANCAR

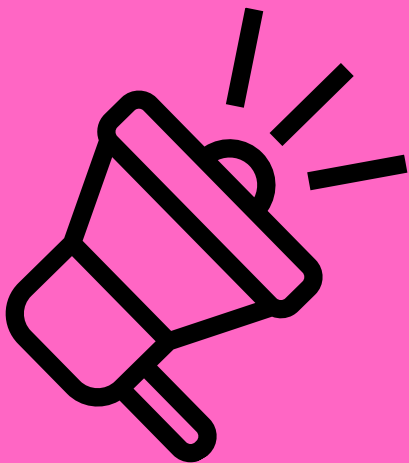




WHMS STAFF

EMMA WEBER

CONGRATULATIONS
TO EMMA WEBER FOR
BEING NAMED THE
JANUARY 2026
STAFF MEMBER OF
THE MONTH. MRS.
WEBER DEVELOPS
GREAT
RELATIONSHIPS
WITH HER STUDENTS
AND CREATES A
POSITIVE CLIMATE
IN HER CLASSROOM
FOR ALL.



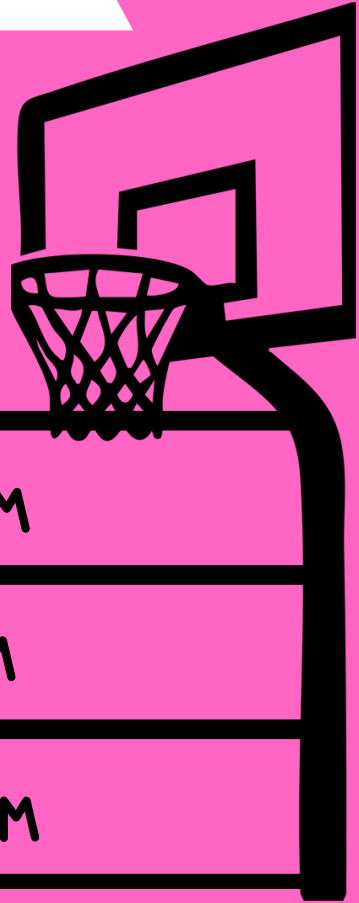
ALL COUNTY ORCHESTRA



THESE 8 STUDENTS PERFORMED WITH STUDENTS FROM OTHER WCPS MIDDLE SCHOOLS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF GUEST CONDUCTOR MS. ANNE MARIE PATTERSON. THE STUDENTS ARE: RACHEL PAR, CHARLOTTE HEFFNER, ANNABEL FULGHUM-ROLES, ARIA LADOW, CHARLENA BURGESS, MICHELLE TANYI, CHAYSON PATRIE, AND MATTINGLY GOLDEN.

CHARLOTTE HEFFNER WAS THE CONCERT MASTER THIS YEAR FOR THE ALL-COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

WINTER SPORTS



FEBRUARY 7	11AM
FEBRUARY 16	6PM
FEBRUARY 21	10AM

****TOURNAMENT DATE: FEBRUARY 28****

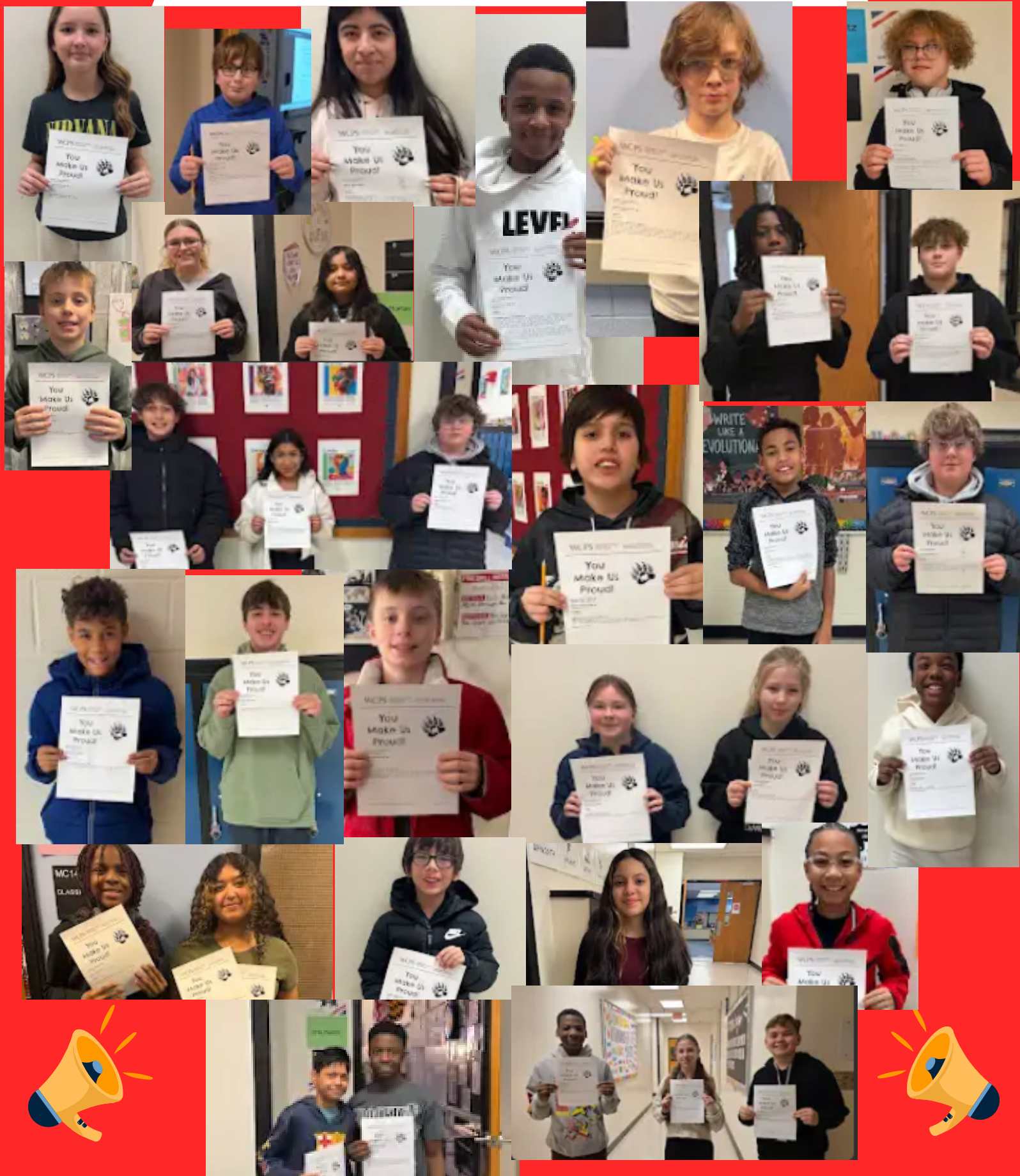
**EACH GRADE PLAYS AN HOUR BEHIND THE
PREVIOUS GRADES.**

**E.G.: 6TH GRADE 11 AM, 7TH GRADE 12PM, 8TH
GRADE 1PM**

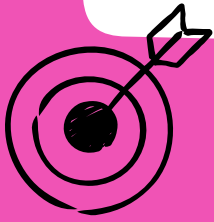


**COME SUPPORT OUR GRIZZLIES!
ALL GAMES ARE PLAYED AT
BROADFORDING CHRISTIAN ACADEMY!**

GRIZZLY CLUB



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM



DID YOU KNOW?

OUR SCHOOLWIDE MATHEMATICS OBJECTIVE IS TO INCREASE MCAP PROFICIENCY FOR EACH GRADE AS FOLLOWS:

	2024-2025	2025-2026
GRADE 6	12.5%	20%
GRADE 7	13%	20%
GRADE 8	15.1%	22%
ALGEBRA 1	83%	100%

HOW CAN I HELP?



YOU CAN HELP WHMS REACH THIS GOAL BY TALKING POSITIVELY ABOUT MATH AT HOME AND ENCOURAGING YOUR CHILD TO PRACTICE THEIR SKILLS ON WAGGLE OR DELTAMATH. CONNECTING MATH TO REAL-LIFE SITUATIONS LIKE SHOPPING, COOKING, OR BUDGETING BUILDS CONFIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING!

COUNSELING CORNER

AFTER DIGGING OUT OF THE SNOW, SCHOOL COUNSELORS ARE BACK IN CLASSROOMS!

MRS. FOLK IS WORKING WITH 6TH GRADERS ON MANAGING STRESS AS WELL AS SELECTING THEIR PREFERENCES FOR UARA CLASSES FOR 7TH GRADE.

MS. BENSON IS PREPARING 7TH GRADERS FOR THE CAREER EXPLORATION DAY AT HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON MARCH 9TH. PERMISSION SLIPS WILL BE COMING HOME SOON.

MRS. BOYLE IS CONTINUING TO WORK WITH 8TH GRADERS ON TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL. BOTH OF OUR FEEDER SCHOOLS WILL BE VISITING FOR STUDENTS TO SELECT THEIR ELECTIVE CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

THE DATE FOR NORTH HIGH'S TRANSITION NIGHT IS MARCH 12TH AT 6:00PM AT NORTH HIGH IN THE AUDITORIUM. WHEN WE HAVE THE DATE FOR SOUTH HIGH'S TRANSITION NIGHT, WE WILL LET YOU KNOW.

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE FIELD TRIP TO BOYD J MICHAEL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR 8TH GRADE IS COMING UP ON FEBRUARY 24TH. A PERMISSION SLIP IS REQUIRED.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO US ANY TIME.

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