



THE BLUE DEVIL DISPATCH

APRIL 2026



From the Superintendent

To our Wickliffe Schools' family,

Spring sports season is about to get underway, and I want to take a moment to ensure that our school community understands what happened with spring sports this year.

When the district announced its transition to a full-cost, pay-to-participate model for extracurriculars and athletics, we expected fees for spring sports families that exceeded \$1,000 per student athlete. This is a huge burden for families, and especially hard for our seniors in their final season as Blue Devils. Principal Gallo and I started making calls. We reached out to alumni and community partners, and one of those conversations led us to James Luthardt, a 2004 Wickliffe graduate who has built a successful career as an entrepreneur and businessman.

James stepped up with extraordinary generosity, covering the FULL COST of all spring sports programs this season for both middle school and high school student-athletes. Because of James, every Blue Devil who wants to compete this Spring will be able to. His generous one-time donation is not something we can count on going forward – but we are deeply thankful for his generosity and commitment to his alma mater.

Before you go... a few important dates. Early voting for the May levy starts on Tuesday, April 7. Lastly, my first State of the Schools address is on Tuesday, April 28 at the Wickliffe Community Center.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support!

Sincerely, Mike Chokshi

Superintendent, Wickliffe City Schools

State Testing Begins April 8th!!

As we enter April, state testing is beginning for our students in grades 3-12. These assessments are a valuable opportunity to measure academic progress and ensure students are on track for success. Your support at home is key. Helping your child get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time will set them up for success. Encouragement and a positive mindset can make a big difference in their confidence and performance.



Click [Here](#) for more information on dates, delayed starts, and delayed bus times.



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.

From the Nurses' Office



As we welcome warmer weather and blooming flowers, please be aware that April is peak season for environmental allergies. Students with asthma or allergies should ensure their emergency action plans and medications are updated in the health office. Please see clinic with questions.

Important Health Update: Increase in Strep Throat Cases

April Health Focus: Allergies & Asthma

- **Preventive Care:** Encourage hand washing after playing outside to remove pollen.
- **Stay Informed:** Keep windows closed on high-pollen days.
- **Action Plan:** If your child needs daily allergy medication, please ensure the school has a fresh supply.



When to Stay Home

School Health Headlines (April Updates)

[Immunization Focus:](#) For the parents with current 6th graders and 11th graders, please be on the lookout for letters in the mail for immunizations that are required but the State of Ohio. Please

contact the clinic if you have any questions or concerns.

Wellness Tip of the Month: Hydration

With increased outdoor activity, dehydration becomes more common. Students should bring a reusable water bottle to school daily.



!!FYI Students with fever !!

Must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication. Students with vomiting symptoms: No symptoms for 24 hours.

Thank you,
The Clinic

YOU'RE INVITED TO

The logo for 'DONUTS with grownups' features the word 'DONUTS' in large, colorful, rounded letters: 'D' is cyan, 'O' is a chocolate-glazed donut with colorful sprinkles, 'N' is pink, 'U' is yellow, 'T' is lime green, and 'S' is orange. Below this, the words 'with grownups' are written in a smaller, lowercase font. 'with' is in black, 'grown' is in pink, and 'ups' is in a light brown color. The 'O' in 'DONUTS' and the 'o' in 'grownups' are replaced by the same chocolate-glazed donut with sprinkles.

Date	Day of Week	Grade Level	Where?
4/7/26	Tuesday	4th	Commons
4/8/26	Wednesday	5th	
4/9/26	Thursday	6th	
4/13/26	Monday	3rd	
4/14/26	Tuesday	PS AM & K	Commons
		PS PM (11:40 - 12:10)	PS Classrooms
4/15/26	Wednesday	1st	Commons
4/16/26	Thursday	2nd	



Upper School Info

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Earn Free College Credits!

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.

For participation and acceptance into the CCP program, students must meet the ccp admissions criteria set by the college or university.

Wickliffe's CCP Info Night presentation and flyers are posted on School Counseling Google Classrooms. Required forms and packets are available in the school counseling office. Intent to Participate Forms are due by April 1st.

Most of our students take dual enrollment courses through Lakeland Community College. Please note:

Students entering grades 10, 11 or 12 with an unweighted, cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or above will be admitted into the CCP program without taking a placement test. Students who are entering 7th – 9th grades, as well as students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement must take the placement test to be admitted to the CCP Program.

[New CCP Student Info for Lakeland CC](#)

[Wickliffe Upper CCP 26-27 Timeline](#)

[Lakeland New CCP Checklist](#)

New CCP Student Counseling Session and Course Registration Night at Wickliffe Upper School on Monday, April 20 @ 6:00 p.m. This program is for students who have completed the application process and have been accepted.



College Credit Plus Continuing Lakeland Students

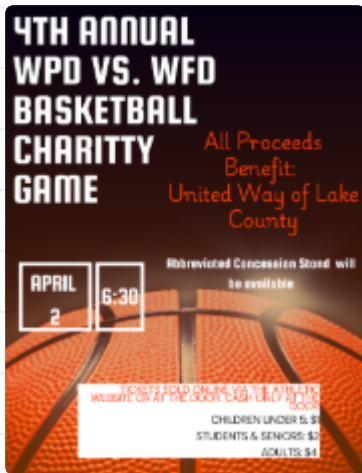
1. Please submit an [Intent to Participate Form and Parent and Student Acknowledgement of Responsibility Form](#) to the school counseling office by April 1
[Complete Registration Authorization form](#) and return to the school counseling office. Lakeland Fall '26 registration opens April 6th. View the Lakeland class schedule [here](#).



Highlights From Our Campus



Student council is hosting their annual spring blood drive on Friday, April 10 from 7:45 to 12:30. For each pint of blood collected, one of our senior members will earn money towards their post secondary education. Please consider signing up to donate blood and help out one of our seniors.



4th Annual Wickliffe Fire Department vs Wickliffe Police Department Charity Basketball Game 🏀

Hosting our 4th annual Wickliffe Fire Department vs Wickliffe Police Department charity basketball game. All proceeds benefits United Way of Lake County. The game will take place Thursday, April 2 at 6:30. Tickets can be purchased online or you can pay cash at the door.



Rockefeller Road Review

Rockefeller Road Revue Dates and Times

Friday, March 27 - 7:30

Saturday, March 28 - 7:30

Sunday, March 29 - 3:00

Friday, April 3 - 7:30

Saturday, April 4 - 7:30

WCS FRC

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!

Spring Sports Physicals



Wickliffe City Schools & Signature Health are proud to offer **FREE Sports Physicals** to all our Spring Sports athletes regardless of insurance coverage. Prior registration is required.

**Don't wait
Register now!**

Visit

www.signaturehealthinc.org/locations/wickliffe

- or -

Scan the QR Code below



Signature
HEALTH



Call or email
with Questions

440-810-8201

FRC@wickliffecsd.org

Community Events

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FAIR

APRIL 14, 2026

Visit over 25 different community agencies to discover your ideal volunteer position!



**3:30-6:30 PM
OPEN HOUSE**



**Mentor Public Library
8215 Mentor Ave.
Mentor, OH 44060**

JOIN US

Use the QR code to register for a reminder!



**YOUTH
VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR SERVICE HOUR
REQUIREMENTS**

**VISIT
ONE-ON-ONE
WITH AGENCY
CONTACTS**





Splash Into Summer!

Join the Wickliffe Water Devils Swim Team

Why Join Us?

Have fun, make friends, strengthen your muscles and your mind while learning the sport of swimming! We offer personalized coaching to help swimmers with varying skill levels to develop and advance.

Everyone is Welcome!

Our team is **not** limited to Wickliffe residents. We are looking for swimmers between 5-17 years old that are able to swim one length (25 yards) of the pool at a minimum. No previous swim team experience is required.

More Info:

Practices will be held at the Wickliffe Pool at Coulby Park.
Choose at least three practices per week to swim in Saturday morning swim meets at local pools. Practices are offered Monday-Friday 8-9:45am or on M/W/Th from 5-6pm.

Register Today!

<https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/recsslwdd/page/register-here>

More Questions? Email Us: board@WickliffeWaterDevils.com

We're Closed

April 3rd and April 6th



Wickliffe City School District

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