

Community NEWSLETTER



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Superintendent's Message



Dear Wooster City Schools Community,

It is hard to believe we are already nearing the end of another school year. As we wrap up, I want to sincerely thank our students, staff,

and families for making this such a positive and memorable year throughout our district. Remember, Friday, May 29, 2026, is the final day of school for students and will be used as our only make-up day this year.

Keeping families informed and connected to our work remains a top priority, and we're committed to continuing that progress. We've made meaningful strides in strengthening communication with our community, especially regarding financial transparency. At the same time, we are finalizing a new strategic plan to guide our district in the years ahead. This process has been shaped by valuable input from students, staff, families, and community members, and I'm excited to share the final plan with you soon.

I would also like to offer a heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2026. We are incredibly proud of all you have accomplished and look forward to seeing the many ways you will make an impact in the future.

Thank you for your continued support of Wooster City Schools.

Go, Woo!

Gabe Tudor
Superintendent

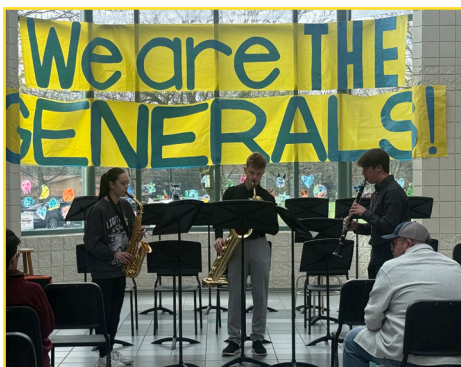


One Million Acts of Kindness

Kindness has been our mission this school year, and we've been inspired by the initiative, compassion, and positive change shown across our district. Together, our staff and students have worked toward a shared goal of One Million Acts of Kindness.

As we look ahead to celebrating before the year ends, we know this is just the beginning. We can't wait to see our students continue to shine, growing kinder and brighter together!





Fine Arts Festival Showcases Talent and Creativity

The Fine Arts Festival is always an incredible experience! From 2D and 3D art to orchestra and band performances, our students' creativity and talent were on full display.

Thank you to the staff and students who make this event possible each year, and for the dedication shown throughout the school year as our students continue to grow and thrive in our fine arts programs.

Congratulations to our incredible students!

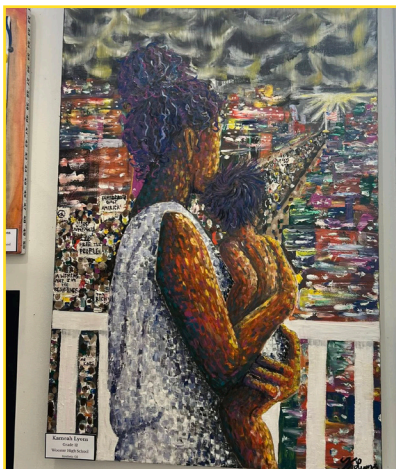
Grades 9-12 Artwork Winners Three-Dimensional

- 1st – Georgia Murray
- 2nd – Taeyona Scott
- 3rd – Hailey Bode

Two-Dimensional

- 1st – Kameah Lyons
- 2nd – Mackenzie Jentes
- 3rd – DylN Newberry-Yockley

Kameah Lyons was also the recipient of the People's Choice Award for her piece, "Human Right."



The Improvaneers Bring Laughter and Inclusion to Wooster High School

What a night at Wooster High School! The Improvaneers had the audience laughing from start to finish with their high-energy mix of comedy sketches and improvisation. Known as the world's first all-Down syndrome comedy troupe, the group uses its unique "Improvaneer Method" to build confidence, communication, and teamwork while delivering unforgettable performances that celebrate creativity and connection.

This special event was made possible by Wooster City Schools' Best Buddies program, led by Mr. Dillon and Mrs. Michel, and by WHS General Grounds. Hosted at the Wooster High School Performing Arts Center on February 5, the performance was part of the group's Great Midwest Tour, which included stops in cities like Columbus, Cincinnati, and Chicago.

More than just an evening of entertainment, the event served as a powerful reminder of the importance of inclusion in our schools and community. Proceeds from the night supported Wooster City Schools' Best Buddies programs, which continue to create meaningful opportunities for friendship, leadership, and belonging for all students.



Social Studies Curriculum Adoption Builds Stronger Learning Pathways

Over the past two years, a dedicated team of educators representing every grade level has led a thorough and thoughtful curriculum adoption process for social studies. Their work has been detailed, collaborative, and rooted in a shared commitment to providing the best possible learning experience for our students.

This team has carefully reviewed instructional materials, piloted resources in classrooms, used structured rubrics to evaluate each option, and made formal recommendations to the Board of Education. Their proposals prioritize vertical alignment, ensuring that learning builds consistently and meaningfully as students progress from one grade to the next. In addition to core materials, they explored resources that bring learning to life, including tools to help students better understand current events and opportunities for project-based learning that encourage critical thinking and real-world application.

Because of their dedication, the Wooster City School District is well-positioned to move to full implementation next year, with continued focus on professional development and strong curriculum alignment. The district is sincerely grateful for the time, care, and professionalism our teachers have invested to keep student success at the center of our work.

Board of Education Continues Planning for District Facilities

The Wooster City Schools Board of Education continues to evaluate the future of district facilities. After several months of discussion and careful consideration of all available options, the Board has decided not to pursue a bond issue at this time.

This decision reflects a number of important factors, including the outcomes of the district's two most recent bond issue attempts in May 2023 and May 2025. The Board remains committed to listening to community feedback and recognizes the challenges associated with pursuing a third request in the near term.

In addition, evolving state funding dynamics are expected to impact school district finances. As a result, the district is being mindful of a potential future need for an operating levy. Operating levies provide essential funding for day-to-day educational programming and services, making them a critical priority due to their direct impact on students.

While a bond issue is no longer being considered at this time, the Board's work is ongoing. The district will continue exploring all viable options and maintaining flexibility as discussions progress. Facilities planning has been a longstanding need for Wooster City Schools, and the Board remains focused on identifying a responsible and sustainable path forward.

At the May meeting, Board of Education members will continue these discussions, including reviewing information related to modular units as a potential option to address facility needs. Wooster City Schools remains committed to keeping the community informed and engaged as the process continues.





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Financial Forecast Update

The most recent financial forecast was reported to the Board of Education at the February 17 meeting. The forecast outlines the district's current fiscal year and three future years and provides a comprehensive overview of district finances by examining revenues, expenditures, and cash balances.

The district is committed to regularly reviewing and updating the forecast to guide decision-making in the best interest of students, staff, and the community.



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Important Dates

May 19
Board of Education
Regular Session

May 25
No School –
Memorial Day

May 29
Makeup Day - Last
Day for Students

May 31
Graduation
Day