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HOCO Recap!!!

Did anyone else feel that twinge of doom and despair when we walked into the hallways on Monday after Homecoming, not only because we were all exhausted, but because our school was no longer the Enchanted Forest?? I know I sure did, but after a great Homecoming week, there is lots to talk about and even more to reminisce on.

Our week started on Monday with spirit days. On Monday there were too many “I got that dog in me” shirts, a few 67s, and a couple spottings of John Pork. Toes Out Tuesday and Beach Day were my favorite and our most heavily participated. Mrs. Gallagher’s class won the competition for participating, and received a donut party from the Student Council!!

Wednesday the Homecoming weekend officially kicked off with the Powderpuff Game. We played Maroon vs. Black,



the Maroon team made up of

Juniors and Freshmen, and black composed of Seniors and Sophomores. The Maroon team got off to a great start, with connections from junior Avery Senghas and freshman Shelby Riddick. The Black team had some trouble starting up but eventually got on the board with the touchdown by Kalyne Pickering. The rain started to pick up, but nothing could stop us (foreshadowing)!! Russ was

taking our pictures, Mr.

Sasack was on the mic, and Mr. Kimmich was making only the best calls as a referee. Then lightning literally struck! We tried to do Duke Js but had to make a run for it off of the field. Congrats to the Maroon team for their big W!!!

Thursday was jersey day at school, and we were at the luau for the volleyball game. Our student section was HUGE!!! The varsity

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and we all marched over to the homecoming bonfire. It was hot. Thanks Mr. Friend! Our turnout was great, running around the fire, cheering, getting all geared up for the game. Big shoutout to the cheerleaders and band members for making this event so special!!

Friday was a big day, with our Pep Rally giving us all shortened classes through the day. We crowned Mr Laposky as Mr. Homecoming and Mrs. Oliver as Mrs. Homecoming. The Junior team won the Air Mattress Relay, Mr. R Howells and Mr. Bowman ended the wig snatching game in a draw, and the Senior class won the spirit stick with the help of a tuba during Battle Cry. Each class had a float in the parade, where we drove on over to the football field with our Homecoming Court. The Junior Class of 2028 were victorious for this year's float competition! Ian Sippos-Sutton and Olivia

Mellick were crowned King and Queen before the Dukes stormed the field for a 44-0 blowout win against the Cardinal Huskies. You all looked fabulous before the dance, and got down on the dance floor.

Thank you to everyone for showing up and having a blast at the dance!! Go Dukes!

Written by:

Camryn Stump



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Feeling Grimm??

The WHS drama club has

had a great start this year. There are two new directors, Alex Craig and the assistant director Emily Fisher. They have brought many new things into the drama club

such as a chance to letter (like how you can letter in a sport) and a chance to become a member of the thespian society. You can earn these by participating in a

certain amount of hours dedicated towards the drama club. They also announced that the show for this winter will be *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*. Fun fact, *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* was the first WHS drama club performance ever; it was performed even before the Lindley Center was built. The show is a comedy recap on all 209 Brothers Grimm fairy tales. Auditions for the show were Thursday October 1st and rehearsals started October 5th.

A quick Synopsis of the show according to the Stage Agent website,
“You may think you know the story of Cinderella, Rapunzel, or Hansel and Gretel, but you’ve never seen them quite like this. Guided by the aptly-named Narrator One and Narrator Two, *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* is a madcap ride through all 209 of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales. An ensemble cast zips from story to story, weaving each

one together as we discover the origin stories of some of literature’s most well-known characters. You’ll meet some lesser-known figures too-like Plinkie Plie, Girl Without Hands, and the crab people. Just for good measure, there’s also a talking fish, an evil raven, and an audience member who’s a little too invested.”

Written by: Fynlee Morris



FFA Update! The Wellington FFA Chapter is a group of about 40 high school students, led by our

advisor Mrs Thome. We also have a middle school chapter that has let our 9th graders get an opportunity to see what FFA is all about before they come to high school.

Our members are involved in various activities within the chapter. So far through the school year our chapter has participated in Soils, Forestry contests, and The Big E, National and State convention, and Food for America. We have lots of fundraisers we do to raise money for our Contest and events, such as our cheese and strawberry fundraisers.

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Nick Sword, Max Hook, Morgan Denes, and Tyler Burns went to The Big E. At the end of the year, we hold a banquet in our gymnasium to celebrate everyone’s accomplishments and to thank all the community members for supporting us.

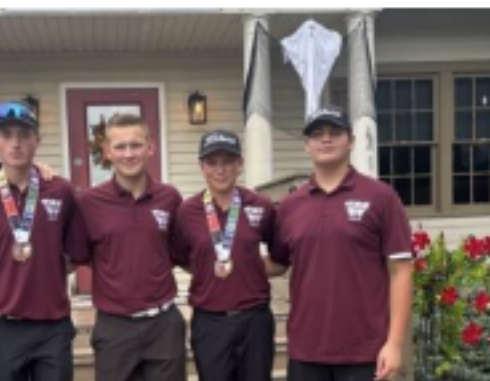


Written by: Josie Kazmierczak

Fall Sports

Happy fall sports season Wellington! Let's recap the latest in Dukes Sports! The golf teams recently finished up their seasons with several accomplishments. Not only did the Lady Dukes have the largest golf team in school

history, but they also had a very strong season with much improvement. They had a memorable match against Firelands, Freshman Carly Schramm shot a personal best of 59 while Sophomore Payton Ausse led the team with a score of 52! The Lady Dukes won that match!



The Boys Golf Team has also been on a hot streak! The boys team finished 5th overall at sectionals with Junior Zach Kehl heading to districts because of his score of 86 and placement of 7th place overall. Junior, James Wacker and Freshman, Hayden Davison were named 1st team in LC8 conference championship, while Kehl was named 2nd team overall. Good Job to our Wellington Dukes Golf teams.

In other news, the Lady Dukes volleyball team has been on a hot streak with their glorious win over Columbia beating them in 3 sets during homecoming week. Senior Courtney Krosse hit a very impressive milestone of 1000 Career Assists! Go Courtney!

If you haven't had a chance to make it to a volleyball game don't fear, their season

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is just getting started.

Currently they are sitting at a 5-11 record ranking 5th overall in the conference.

The Wellington Cross Country Teams have also been battling hard. The runners continue to put in a tremendous amount of work at meets and practices while representing the Dukes with very strong determination. With meets continuing on Saturdays, students and community members are encouraged to come check out a meet and see our runners in action.

Written by: Emma Buck



New Faces Join the Football Team

This football season, The Wellington High School has something new to be excited about. Since Oberlin High School did not have a football team this year, students could join the Wellington football team. The two schools joined together to create a larger team and give students the chance to play football. The new players have already made an impact by adding more players, bringing new

skills, and strengthening the team.

Another change this season is the addition of a new kicker. Reece Leiby, who typically plays soccer, but decided to try football this year. Because Reece already had kicking experience, he could use those skills to become the football team's kicker.

Welcoming players from another school and a new kicker has helped the football team by giving us more players and strengthening our team. It has also allowed students from both schools to meet new people and work together as one team. The players have learned how to work together, communicate, and support each other on and off the field.

As the season continues, the football team hopes to keep working hard and striving for victory! The team will continue practicing and working together to reach their goals for the rest of the season. With new players, new skills, and a new kicker, this season is already different from previous years.

Written by: Josie Leiby

GOALLLL!! Both the girls and boys soccer teams are holding up strong this season! Each team is sitting near the top of their conference, and have recently had winning streaks going.

On the boy's side, they just pulled off a huge upset over the Firelands Falcons, winning 3-2 in the match. The Falcons have not lost a conference game in a handful of years. This is the end of the drought against Firelands, our first win against them in over 10 years! The race for the conference title just became a bit tighter, and the Dukes are going toward more victory! Reece Leiby leads the team in assists after breaking the school record in his previous season. Our foreign exchange students, Eneko Gonzalez and Leo Belardinalli, have been helping out the team greatly with Eneko averaging over two goals a game!

The Lady Dukes are having a much improved season, after struggling with numbers in previous years. They have welcomed a few girls from surrounding schools that do not have soccer teams. This has been a great experience for the girls and the best way to get everyone playing soccer! Their most recent win was against the Trinity Trojans, putting up 9 goals and allowing none. Freshman Shelby Riddick has been showing off her scoring, with goals in the first minute of the game in two of the last three games! Caedyn Wacker is putting on a great show in goal, which is a new spot for her!

Their conference match-ups continue and both teams are fighting for the top spots. Come out a support as they finish their seasons up on the road!

Written by: Camryn Stump



Editor's Note: COOKIE TOTE CRAZE

Chocolate chip cookies from McDonalds may seem like an odd concept. Baked goods as fast food?? That can't be good. Yet, they are surprisingly delicious and we have no problem consuming a ridiculous amount of them. And even though they take a long time in the drive thru (no offense to any of our beloved McDonalds employees, we understand excellent cookie-making takes time), it is worth it for the glory of the McDonald's cookie.

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Nobody can resist the cookie tote craze. Every Friday after the football game, our McDonalds is filled with the sounds of "COOKIE TOTE FOR *insert name of cookie-crazed high schooler here.*" But what is it that fuels our need for McDonalds cookies?

The coveted

McDonald's Cookie Tote contains 13 chocolate chip cookies. But why 13? We buy eggs by the dozen, bake muffins in groups of 12, and purchase dinner rolls based on parties of 12, so why do we get an extra cookie? (not that I'm complaining) The number of cookies represents a traditional baker's dozen.

Giving 13 items instead of 12

was an old baking tradition, so customers always got a little extra value or to account for possible damages to one of the baked goods. And customers sure are getting the extra value at just about \$0.50 per cookie compared to the \$1.79 per cookie you pay when you skip the glory of a cookie tote and order a single.

So maybe our cookie adoration is a result of the

financial benefits of ordering a dozen (plus one) cookies.

Maybe it's the cookies themselves that have us obsessed? After all, they are the perfect ratio of chocolate to cookie and they are always served fresh and warm. But the deliciousness comes at a price (a 2,160

calorie price). There are 2,160 calories in a cookie tote, and around 170 calories in a single cookie, so do the math next time you eat six cookies without blinking. But based on how many cookies I've seen people eat in one sitting (myself included), calories matter less than how

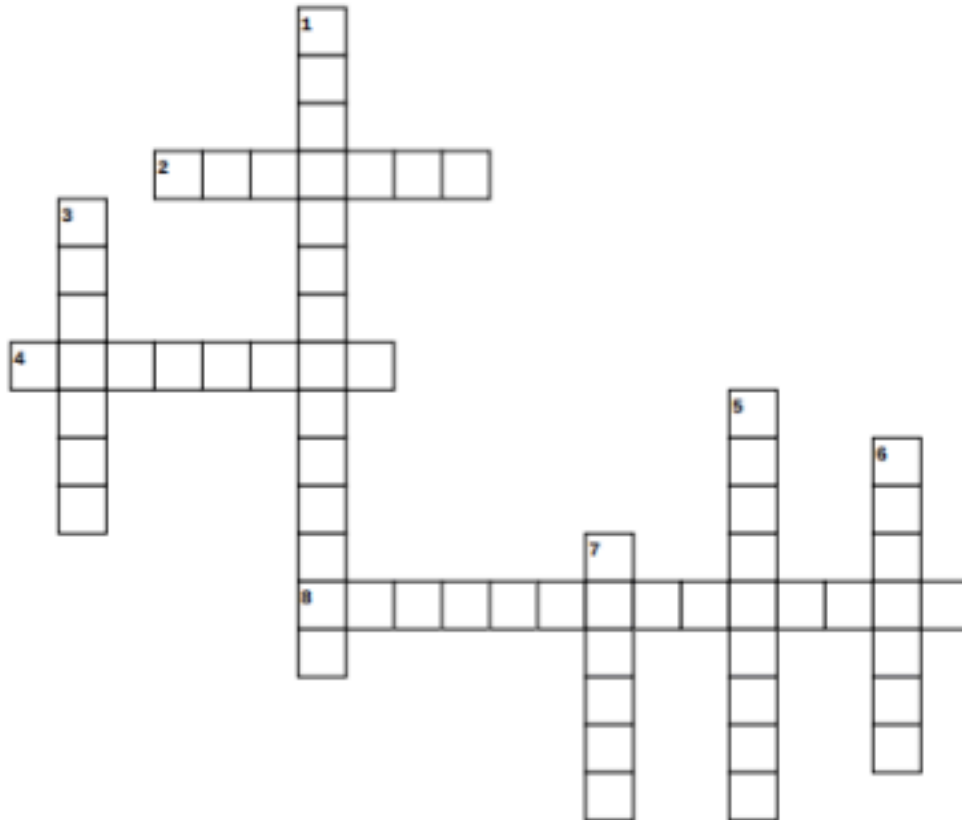
good the cookies are.

So is it the cost? Is it the taste? What fuels the cookie tote craze? We may never know, but I'm pretty sure we'll stop at nothing to get our cookie tote fix. Let's just say we're lovin' it.

Written by: Katie Stannard

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- 2. The last name of our Homecoming Queen
- 4. The title of the Drama Club's winter play, The _____ Grimm Spectaculathon
- 8. The type of cookie from McDonalds that we're all obsessed with

Down

- 1. The Lady Dukes soccer player with goals in the first minute of the game in 2 of the last 3 games
- 3. The school that provided us with some extra players on the football field this year
- 5. The _____ team placed 5th at sectionals
- 6. Courtney Krosse just achieved a goal of 1000 career _____
- 7. The team color that won the Powderpuff game

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