



Warren Local School District

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Summer 2024

Gearing up for a great school year!

The first day of school is almost here, and we are excited for the students to return



August marks an exciting time as we prepare for the upcoming school year. The summer always seems to fly by, and we hope you had a restful and enjoyable

break. We're looking forward to the campus coming back to life with students and various activities.

Even though it's summer break for some, our teams are working diligently to get the campus ready for

the new school year. Several summer projects have been completed, while others are in their final stages.

There have been some staffing changes throughout the district, including new administrators, teachers, and new roles for some familiar faces. Get to know the new team members by checking out their bios in this publication.

You will notice on the 2024-2025 school calendar, there is an increase in the number of early dismissals. As a district, we are trying something new this year in order to prioritize the professional development of our team. During this time, teachers will have the opportunity to collaborate,

problem solve, and enhance the education they're providing our students. We strive to continually provide high quality education, and we hope that this time only improves the educational experience found at Warren.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributes to Warren Local, making it such an outstanding school district. We are dedicated to progress and development each year, providing lots of opportunities for all students. Let's make the most of the 2024-2025 school year.

Welcome back, Warriors!

Kyle Newton ~ Superintendent

Our Board of Education Members



Warren Local School Board Members are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students. The men and women currently serving on the

Board for Warren Local School District are: Debbie Proctor – President; Bob Crum – Vice President; and members, Bob Allen, Stacey Greenup, and Jesse Roush. We are Warriors!

Free breakfast/lunch via Community Eligibility Program

Warren Local Schools is dedicated to providing the best possible education to its students and believes that a foundation to this effort are healthy meals that are available to ALL WARRIORS!

We are excited to announce that Warren Local Schools will be partic-

ipating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the school year 2024-2025. This program allows us to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students enrolled in our schools, regardless of individual household income.

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Mark your calendar!



Free school supplies pick-up event

Any student needing school supplies
August 12 from 10:00 am – Noon
at Warren Middle School

What's new?

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Anna Baker – MS 7/8 Math



Anna is a 2023 graduate of Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia. She is currently working on obtaining her master's degree in Curriculum and

Instruction from Liberty University. Anna got married in June and moved to the Ohio area over the summer with her husband. In her spare time, she likes singing, twirling, visiting Walt Disney World, and spending time with her friends and family. "I am very excited to be joining the staff of Warren Middle School and can't wait to meet the students!"

Christa Benson – ES Intervention



Specialist

Christa has a bachelor's degree in education from Mount Vernon Nazarene University with licenses in Early Childhood and Intervention.

She comes from Belpre Elementary School, where she taught for ten years in kindergarten and intervention. She enjoys spending time with her husband and two children, camping, gardening, and sewing. "My family and I look forward to being Warriors!"

Chris Carpenter – HS Industrial



Technology

Chris is a 1991 graduate of Warren High School. He served twenty-two and a half years in the Navy as Submarine Nuclear Mechanic,

retiring in 2014. He earned his degree in Nuclear Engineering Technology from Thomas Edison State University in 2016 and master's degree in education in 2021. In 2017, he began teaching in higher education at Washington State Community College in Industrial Technology. Chris enjoys white-water rafting, biking, and spending time with family. He is extremely excited to continue his teaching journey at Warren.



Paige Daughety – ES Physical Education

Paige graduated in 2012 from Aspermont High School in Aspermont, Texas. She received her B.S. from Harding University in

Kinesiology and Health. Her first year of teaching was at Marietta Middle School, before moving to Cincinnati, Ohio. There, she taught the last five years at Village Christian School. Outside of school, Paige enjoys spending time with her husband Nathan, a 2013 WHS graduate, and her two daughters. "I am so excited to be a part of the Warrior Family!"

Jennifer Fenton – HS French



Jennifer grew up in Parkersburg, WV. She has lived in Williamstown, WV for 18 years. Jennifer and husband have two children in college. She has a bachelor's

degree in French and psychology from Queens University in Charlotte, NC. She obtained her master's degree in education from Muskingum University in 2022, and taught French at St. Mary's Catholic School for six years. "I enjoy spending time with family and road trips with friends. I am very excited to be a part of the Warren family."



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Rebecca Jessee – HS Intervention



Specialist

Rebecca grew up in Castlewood, Virginia and received her B.A. from UVA Wise. She has 19 years of teaching experience.

Rebecca previously taught in the Warren District from 2013-2018. She has taught in Virginia, Ohio, and Indiana. Rebecca loves to travel with her husband, Bob, and two sons, Luke and Max. She is also an avid reader. "I am excited to be back with Warren Local Schools!"

Lindsay Lang – Educational



Psychologist

Lindsay is originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating from Princeton High School in 2008. She obtained her bachelor's degree in psychology from Ohio University in 2012, and went on to receive her masters in special education from Ohio University. She worked as an intervention specialist at Belpre City Schools for 4 years. During this time, Lindsay found her passion for school psychology. She went on to receive her education specialist degree in school psychology from Marshall University in 2019. She has also worked for the Ohio Valley ESC serving as a preschool school psychologist, and most recently as a K-12 school psychologist for Wolf Creek Local and Belpre City Schools.

Lindsay and her husband, Brad, have two young children, Connor and Elliott (Ellie). She enjoys spending time with her family and traveling. "I am excited for this new adventure as a Warren Warrior!"



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Kate Liston – MS Intervention**Specialist**

Kate graduated from Warren High School in 2018. She received her bachelor's degree at Marietta College and recently completed

her endorsement as an intervention specialist through The Ohio State University. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, coaching, paddleboarding, & rock climbing. Kate has coached basketball at Warren since 2022, and she is very excited to be back at her alma mater teaching as a Warren Warrior.

Kaylie McCune – HS Science

Kaylie graduated from Logan High School in 2020. After high school, she obtained her bachelor's degree in Integrated Science Education from Ohio University in May 2024. In

her free time, she enjoys reading and playing video games with friends. "I'm really excited to start my first year of teaching at such an amazing school!"

Rachelle Smith – HS Heath/PE

Rachelle is a 2009 Graduate from Muskingum University, where she played for their soccer team and helped coach after graduation. She has

a dual degree in physical education and health education. Rachelle started teaching in southern West Virginia and has been teaching and coaching numerous sports for 13 years. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends or doing anything outdoors, such as fishing, playing pickleball, kayaking, biking and camping.

Emmy Stormes- HS ELA

Emmy graduated from Warren High School in 2020. For the past four years, she has studied at Ohio University and graduated this spring with a bachelor's degree in Integrated Language Arts Education for grades 7-12 and an English minor. In addition to teaching English at the high school, Emmy will also serve as the student council advisor. Emmy's teaching philosophy is that teachers who are excited to teach, teach students who are excited to learn. "Becoming part of Warren's phenomenal faculty has been my lifelong dream. I am beyond thrilled to be back. Once a Warrior, always a Warrior!"

Jennifer Wright – HS Business**Education**

Jennifer is a 2001 graduate of Ohio University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education.

Her diverse career includes classroom teaching in both mathematics and Spanish. Jennifer's journey also took her to Honduras for eight years, where she served as the director of an orphanage and a humanitarian non-profit. Passionate about coffee, travel, and connecting with people, Jennifer is excited to embark on her new role as the business education teacher at Warren. She looks forward to integrating her rich life experiences into this new position and is thrilled to join the Warrior family.



We are pleased to welcome these outstanding staff members to our Warrior Nation!

Teachers

Keep an eye on our website for employment opportunities under Quick Links > Employment. To apply for a posted position at WLSD, please send notice of interest, resume, references, and a copy of your license to: vicki.lowe@warrenlocal.org.

If you are interested in becoming a substitute teacher, please contact Terra Wittekind at the Ohio Valley Educational Service Center, terra.wittekind@ovesc.org or call 740-373-6669, or visit their website at <https://www.ovesc.org/employees/employment-opportunities-2/>.

Boys and Girls State

By Andy Biddinger

Several high school students attended the American Legion's and Auxiliary's Buckeye Boys and Girls State this summer. The program puts students in an immersive program dealing with government function. The participants create cities, towns, counties, and state governments. They run for offices and take on a variety of jobs to help run the society. The boys were at Miami University, while the girls attended Bowling Green State University.

Thank you to the Beverly and Lowell Legions and the Belpre Auxiliary for selecting our students. The participants for 2024 were: Owen Bookman, Lillian Crudge, Jackie Cisar, Ava Johnson, Ian Layman, Callum Martin, Jesse McDole, Carly McHenry, Amanda Rauch, Nadia Russo, and Zach Ruth.



Back to School: School Nurse Tips

Missy Kemper, RN
WLSD Nurse



Health plans need to be renewed each school year. This includes emergency health plans, allergy health plans, asthma health plans, diabetic health plans, seizure action plans,

special procedure orders, and medication orders. Please contact the school nurse if you have questions or need forms. Forms can also be found on Final Forms.

A medication administration consent form must be completed by a healthcare provider and signed by parent/guardian for any prescription medication to be given at school. All medication must be brought to the school office by the parent/guardian and be in an original bottle with appropriate labels. Forms can be found on Final Forms.

If your child has any acute or chronic health problems or surgery, please inform the school nurse. Please update with changes throughout the school year.



If your child is in kindergarten, grade 7, or grade 12, please provide documentation of updated school required vaccines.

FALL 2024 VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

12th Grade: All 12th grade students must have a second dose of meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) given on or after the student's 16th birthday. Documentation of this vaccine must be on record at Warren High School before the first day of school. Students who take college courses and those who attend the Washington County Career Center must also provide this documentation to Warren High School.

7th Grade: All 7th grade students must have documentation of a meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) along with an updated tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) booster. Documentation of these vaccines must be on record at Warren Middle School before the first day of school.

Kindergarten: All kindergarten students must have documentation of the following vaccines:

DTap/DT - 5 doses (Dose 5 only required if 4th dose was given prior to the 4th birthday)

Polio - 4 doses (Dose 4 only required if 3rd dose was given prior to the 4th birthday)

Hepatitis B - 3 doses (the final dose must be given after age 6 months)

MMR - 2 doses

Varicella - 2 doses (or documentation of having the disease)

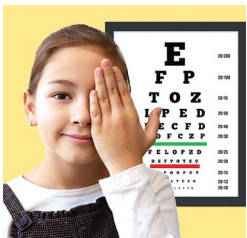
Documentation of these vaccines must be on record at Warren Elementary before the first day of school this fall.

Vaccine records can be dropped off at the school office, faxed to 740-445-5301, emailed to the school nurse at melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org, or mailed to Warren Local Schools, Attention: School Nurse, 220 Sweetapple Road, Vincent, Ohio 45784.

If you have questions, please contact Missy Kemper, RN, School Nurse at 740-445-5300, ext. 4807 or melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org.



Vision and Hearing Screenings



As required by Ohio law, vision and hearing screenings will be completed during the school year for all kinder-

garten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grade students. Screenings are also performed for all new students to the district, regardless of grade. If your student does not pass their screening,

a referral letter will be mailed home.

Has your phone number changed?

It may be necessary to contact a parent or an emergency contact for student illness or injury. Please review Final Forms to make sure that we have the most current phone numbers.



Medication at School

If your student needs to take prescription medication during school hours or have an emergency medication available, please have your child's healthcare provider complete a medication form over the summer. The form is available on Final Forms or by emailing your school nurse at melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org.





Community Eligibility

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Why Warren is Eligible for the Program:

The Lunchroom Fund receives funding from federal sources and direct sales, no local tax dollars go to the lunchroom fund. With recent changes in the CEP eligibility requirements and good management of the food service department, the lunchroom fund is in a position to allow for the participation in CEP. This program and the department will be evaluated continuously to verify the district's eligibility into the future.

Key Benefits of the CEP Program:

- 1. Free Meals for All Students:** Every student at Warren Local Schools will receive nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost, eliminating the need for meal applications.
- 2. Elimination of Meal Debt:** Families will no longer accrue unpaid meal balances.
- 3. Responsibility for Negative Balances:** Parents and guardians are responsible for any negative balances accrued before the implementation of the CEP program. We kindly request that these balances be settled promptly.
- 4. Equal Access to Nutritious Meals:** Ensures that all students have access to the healthy meals they need to thrive academically and socially.

What You Need to Know:

- * **No Application Necessary:** There is no requirement to fill out a meal application form for your child to receive free meals.
- * **Household Information Survey:** Used to determine eligibility to waive school fees. Families will still need to complete a survey to qualify for waiving school fees ONLY. The survey will be made available to families at the beginning of the school year.
- * **Confidentiality:** Each student will receive meals with dignity and respect, and their eligibility status will continue to be kept confidential.
- * **Program Duration:** The CEP program will be in effect for the entire school year 2024-2025.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to ensure your child receives nutritious meals at school every day. Should you have any questions about the CEP program or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Charlene Fronko, 220 Sweetapple Rd Vincent, Ohio 45784, or email charlene.fronko@warrenlocal.org.

Thank you for your ongoing support in providing the best educational experience for our students.



Contact Charlene Fronko, Food Service Supervisor, if you have any questions: 740-678-2366, extension 3810

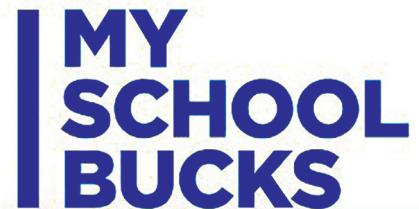


In restaurants, **à la carte** (ɑ:lə'kɑ:rt; lit. 'at the card') is the practice of ordering individual dishes from a menu in a restaurant, as opposed to **table d'hôte**, where a set menu is offered. (Wikipedia) Merriam-Webster Dictionary's definition of **à la carte**: according to a menu or list that prices items separately.

In addition to our daily school lunch program, Warren Local Schools offers à la carte options at all cafeterias on campus, providing students with the flexibility to choose individual food items each day. This service complements the regular lunch menu, allowing students to personalize their meals with a variety of choices, such as fruits, veggies, juice, and other snacks.

By offering à la carte items, Warren Local Schools aims to accommodate diverse tastes and dietary preferences, enhancing the overall dining experience and promoting healthier eating habits. For a list of our à la carte options, visit our website: <https://www.warrenlocal.org/food-service>.

Accepted payment methods for à la carte items include: MySchoolBucks App, cash or check.





School Bus Safety:

BE ALERT! Red flashing lights mean stop!

Safety Tips For Drivers

Last year, we had several vehicles run the red flashing lights on our school buses, specifically on 339 and 550. If you are driving in your car and you see the red flashing lights, this means a child is potentially crossing the street. Please, be mindful and alert and come to a stop.



Obey the school bus laws of our state, as well as the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of their next action:

Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload students. Motorist should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.

Red flashing lights and extended stop sign indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorist should stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing.



Safety Tips For Parents

Safety begins at the bus stop. Your child should arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Before school begins, take your child to the bus stop and show them where to wait for the bus, at least five giant steps (ten feet) away from the road. Remind your child that the bus stop is not a place to run or play.

When the school bus arrives, your child should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, the door opens, and the driver says it's okay before approaching the bus door. Instruct your child to use the handrails when boarding the bus to avoid slips and falls.

Teach your child to always use caution around the bus, and never walk behind a school bus. If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, tell him/her to walk along the street to a place at least five giant steps (10 feet) in front of the bus before crossing. Your child should also make eye contact with the bus driver and wait for the driver's hand signal before crossing the road.

If your child drops something near the school bus, like a ball or book, the safest thing is for your child to tell the bus driver right away. **DO NOT TRY TO RETRIEVE THE ITEM.**

Transportation Office

740-678-2368



Let's work together to keep our kids safe!

Alicia Jaramillo



Drivers Needed

School bus drivers are in great demand. We now offer paid training while you work toward your certification. Sub bus drivers gain valuable experience, giving them a jump-start when a vacancy occurs.

Sub bus driver rates - \$17.50

Retired SERS with driver experience - \$19.25

For more information, please contact our transportation supervisor, Alicia Jaramillo.

Make good choices on the bus!



Here Comes the Bus®

HCTB App details on page 7.

We offer many on-line options to update, send and receive student information:

Final Forms is our electronic way of collecting annual student information; including medical, emergency contact information, and busing to name a few. This process eliminates the multiple paper forms that had to be filled out every year, saving both time and money. Once the initial information is entered into Final Forms, the data carries over from year to year, making it simple to review and/or update what we already have on file for your students. As with the old paper forms, parents must review/update and electronically submit the required annual forms for their students. Please note: emails will be sent out periodically throughout the year for new forms to be completed. You can now begin to complete Final Forms for the 24-25 School Year. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

PowerSchool is our Student Information System. It allows us to monitor enrollment, grade, assignments and other information.

Parent Portal, part of the PowerSchool system, provides families with access to their student(s) information; including grades and attendance. It is

very important that ALL parents/guardians sign up in PowerSchool. To sign up, please email: parentportal@warrenlocal.org. Students have access to the portal by signing in with their school email account.

School Messenger is a communication application that will send out emails to all parents/guardians. In addition, the schools and district use this communication pathway to phone parents directly with important messages. It is very important that ALL parents/guardians receive school messages. Please be sure that phone numbers are updated in Final Forms. If you are unsure how to receive school messages, please contact the school office.

MySchoolBucks is an on-line service that allows parents the convenience of securely paying for student meals. If you have any questions about **MySchoolBucks**, feel free to contact Charlene Fronko, Food Service Supervisor at 740.678.2366 ext. 3810 or e-mail charlene.fronko@warrenlocal.org.

MySchoolApps - No more paper applications to complete and return to the school office. Apply for meal benefits/

fee waivers online from the privacy of your home, or anywhere with an internet connection. If you have any questions about MySchoolApps, feel free to contact Charlene Fronko, Food Service Supervisor at 740.678.2366 ext. 3810 or e-mail charlene.fronko@warrenlocal.org.

Here Comes the Bus App (HCTB) will allow you to track your child's bus in real time. You can set the boundary to be notified when the bus is within 2 miles of your home. Download the app and use our school code, 29426 and your student ID number to get started. If you have any questions, please contact the transportation department at 740-678-2368.

Currently, transportation requests are pulled from Final Forms, so please update those forms as needed. Later this year, we will be using TransAct, a new transportation system that you will need to directly input your child's transportation information, and we will automatically be notified of the needed changes. We will send out more information on this system as it becomes available.



Thinking of buying a computer for your student? Consider a Chromebook.



Why Google?

Warren Local Schools, along with over 90 million students and educators worldwide, utilizes Google Workspace for Education. Google Workspace for Education is a collection of free online applications, all of which synchronize and flow together and integrate into existing course materials. These applications do not reside on a computer itself, but are accessed through a web browser. This is considered working in the "cloud". The benefit of this structure allows flexibility in accessing documents and projects from ANY computer or mobile device with Internet access. Staff

and students can access their school documents from a computer lab, the classroom, the public library and even from home!

Why Chromebooks?

Chromebooks are laptop computers that utilize Google's browser, Chrome via the internet. Through Google's Admin Console, the district can set permissions for all users and devices. There are many advantages using Chromebooks in the classroom.

1. Chromebooks are safe and secure. They aren't susceptible to any known viruses and all data stored is encrypted.

2. Chromebooks are cost effective. Chromebooks are cost effective. Because Chromebooks use web-based applications, data is not stored directly on a Chromebook. Therefore,

less storage is needed than a regular laptop.

3. Our Teachers Utilize Google Classroom. Google Classroom is a free Learning Management System where teachers can post lessons, questions, and announcements online. Teachers also utilize Google Forms to create online quizzes for students.

What does Warren Use?

At Warren, we have been purchasing Asus and HP Chromebooks. These have been chosen because of their rubberized outer-shell that is designed to surpass military grade MIL-STD-810G durability standards. With their durability, these Chromebooks will hold up better over time.

The HP 14" model sells for \$219

The Asus 14" model sells for \$219



Welcome back, STUDENTS!



I hope everyone has had a great summer and that you are all ready to get back to school! The last year has shown me how Warren sets itself apart from other school districts. Our teachers, families, and community are

united in a common goal of maximizing the educational experience for our students. Seeing the Warrior way in action and how our students utilize the opportunities available to them is inspiring. Stepping into this role, one of my goals is to continue to build upon this foundation. We want to provide our students with the resources, experiences, and voice to make their high school experience the most enjoyable and productive years possible while setting them up for future success.

Several projects were completed on campus over the last few months. Our custodians and maintenance crew have worked tirelessly to make our buildings and facilities the best in the area. Our student parking lot was paved this summer! This area will be reserved for Junior and Senior parking. The overflow parking and Sophomores will park alongside the fence towards Building 2. In Building 6, we finished the HVAC system in the auditorium, transformed the old choir room into a dedicated ESports facility, and continue updating locker rooms and other areas.

Additionally, this year we will be holding Freshmen Orientation on August 19 at 4:30 in the Building 6 Auditorium. This will be followed by an Open House for all high school students and families 5-6pm. If you have the time, please come see us!

Student Arrival Details: The parking lot by the main high school entrance is for bus arrival and staff parking. Parents dropping students off should utilize Driveway 2 and follow traffic

patterns by releasing students near building 6. Student drivers should utilize Driveway 3 near Building 2. Doors will open at 7am, the bell releasing students from the Commons Area will be at 7:22, and 1st period will begin at 7:28.

I would also like to add that the Warrior Hall of Honor is accepting nominations for the 2024-25 induction class! A recipient will be selected on the following basis: Achievement while a student within the Warren Local School District, Outstanding achievement in vocational pursuits, contributions to the community, significant philanthropic involvement or other criteria brought before the board. If you know of someone worthy of this honor, please feel free to nominate them by completing the nomination form on the website under the parent/community resources.

Please complete the form and return to the high school office or mail to:

Kyle Scott - Warren High School, 130 Warrior Drive, Vincent OH, 45784. Nomination forms are due to the office by September 31. I am looking forward to this school year and to working with each of you to provide the best possible opportunities for our kids! If you have any questions, please contact the high school office. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will see you soon!

WHS Schedule Change Request

WHS student schedules will be available to view from the Parent/Student Portal on Wednesday, August 7. Schedules will not be available on the app. Please use the warrenlocal.org website to access Powerschool.



If a student would like to make a schedule change, use the QR Code to request that change or email a counselor.

WHS welcomes new assistant principal



Chad is from Byesville, Ohio and a graduate of Meadowbrook High School. He received his Bachelors Degree from Ohio Valley University in Physical

Education with an endorsement in Special Education, and his Masters Degree from West Virginia University in Physical Education/Teacher Education. Chad has spent most of his career in higher education as a coach, instructor, and athletic administrator. He joined Warren Local Schools in 2022 as a Health/PE teacher in addition to serving as the head baseball coach and an assistant football coach.

WHS Counselor's Corner

Stay informed: Check out the Guidance webpage for updates. <https://whs.warrenlocal.org/guidance-department>

September 19 - College & Career Fair - WHS will be hosting colleges, universities, local businesses for career exploration

October 1 - FAFSA Opens Early Action deadlines for colleges start as soon as **November 1st**

Tests available this fall: PSAT, Pre-ACT, Ohio End-of-Course Exams



Hello and welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I am Nathan Vincent, the Warren High School Esports coach. This past season was a great season for Warren.

** Our JV Fortnite team placed 6th out of 30 at the state tournament, our Varsity Fortnite team barely missed being able to move on to the States.

** Our Varsity Overwatch team did a fantastic job and have a very good chance to keep this moving into our Spring season.

** Our Super Smash Brothers team went to regionals and competed very well against a team that would end up winning in our regional tournament.

** Ethan Knotts, who graduated this year, ended All Ohio First Seat! A great accomplishment!

** The Valorant team also made it to Regionals and sadly lost in the first round. They completed well.

** Mario Kart completed a great introductory season and had some fun along the way.

If you would like to join the fastest growing sport in the world, please keep an eye out for an email from me at the beginning of the school year. This will be an interest survey to see if there are any games the Esports Ohio offers that you would like to take part in. Come join in the fun in our growing program!



FFA NEWS

By Emma Sutton
Warren FFA Reporter

We will be thrilled to have our students back with us. Following a bustling summer, we've now entered an even more eventful fall season. Throughout the summer, our students were actively involved in their

SAE projects, which included raising market livestock for the fair, tending to gardens, and gaining experience at various local businesses. Additionally, some attended a week-long camp at Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum.

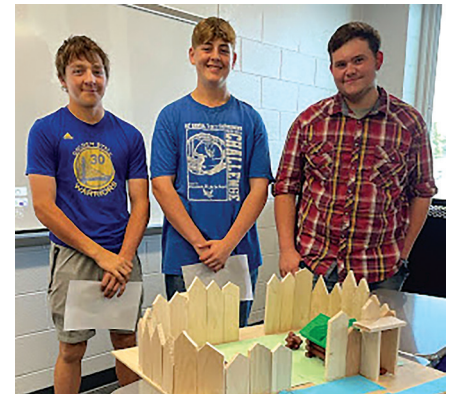
We're eager to reunite with all our members as the school year begins, anticipating an exciting year ahead. With school starting, our members will be actively participating in all three fairs. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!



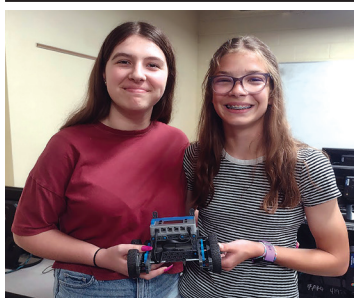
Getting ready to celebrate America's 250th anniversary

Mrs. Farnsworth's tenth grade American History classes partnered with Washington County Commissioners, Charlie Schilling and Kevin Ritter, as well as America 250 committee member, Phillip Schafer, for an upcoming event. The team collaborated to create possible events or items to celebrate the history of Washington County during the nation-wide celebration of America's 250th anniversary in 2026.

With the guidance of the BB2C, students went through the process of a real-world problem scenario to create unique experiences. These were shared with America 250 members as potential activities that could actually happen during the celebration year.



The students presented projects such as: the development of local festivals that celebrate small communities in Washington County; the creation of original songs that honor Washington County; brochures that would take visitors into the backroads of the county; and monuments to commemorate the historic celebration.



Left - WHS Science Olympiad Team members, Ashlee Pate and Nataleigh Norman, placed in the top 10 at the State Tournament at OSU in the event, *Robot Tour*.

College/Postsecondary Fair

On September 19, our high school guidance department will be hosting a College/Postsecondary Fair right here on our campus! This event will bring together a diverse group of colleges, trade schools, and career representatives, offering a unique opportunity for our students in grades 7-12, as well as students from 12-14 neighboring school districts, to explore their future options.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this informative and inspiring day!



Welcome Back to an Exciting School Year at WMS!

I am thrilled to share that our students excelled on the 2023-2024 Ohio State Tests, showcasing their hard work and dedication. Students were above the state average on 9 out of 10 state tests. Fifth grade math, fifth grade ELA and eighth grade math had their highest scores ever.

As a reminder, we have implemented vape detectors in the student restrooms to ensure a safe environment for everyone. Our goal is to reduce student use of vaping. Students caught using vapes the first time will be required to complete an online Vape education course.

DID YOU KNOW?

Students will not be allowed to carry their cell phones with them during the day. Once students enter the building, their cell phones need to be turned off. Cell phones need to be placed in their lockers or they can drop them off in the office until the

end of the school day. Student cell phone usage during the school day is very disruptive to both the classroom teachers and students themselves. After the third time of having their cell phones taken, parents will have to pick up their child's cell phone. Students who continue to violate the cell phone policy will be required to leave their phones at home.

This year, we will again feature the ICU homework resource, which will alert parents through email of any missing student work. Additionally, during our Advisor/Advisee period, we will focus on the district's Portrait of a Warrior traits, which include communication, empathy, integrity, perseverance, responsibility, critical thinking, and creative problem solving.

Student Drop Off

Students should not be dropped at WMS prior to 7:00 AM. Students in sixth and eighth grade will enter school and sit in the bleachers until the 7:20 bell. Students in fifth and seventh grade will enter the building and sit in the cafeteria. All students wanting breakfast can go through the cafeteria and grab food each morning.

Parent drop off is behind the elementary school in the parking lot near the soccer field. Parents are not permitted to drop off students in the front of the building. Only buses are allowed to drop off students in front of the school.

Parent Pick Up

Parent pick up will also be in the same location. Parents are to park in the parking lot and the student will walk behind the cars until they find their parents' vehicle and walk up to the car. The gate to pull into the school property will not be opened until 2:15 PM.

Thank you for being a vital part of our school community. Here's to a successful year ahead!

Brent Taylor - WMS Principal



WMS OPEN HOUSE

August 15th

**6th and 8th grade from
4:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**5th and 7th grade from
6:00 PM-7:00 PM**





Solid Chemistry Skills!

Warren Middle School's Science Olympiad members, Maggie Evans and Camryn Edgell, medaled at the State Tournament at OSU. They placed 6th in Ohio for the event, *Can't Judge a Powder*.

Warren Middle School schedules will be available through Power School beginning on August 9th



Wax Museum Project

By Daniel Norman

Sixth graders at Warren Middle School ended their year in ELA (English/Language Arts) with a Living Wax Museum Biography Project. The students started by choosing a real-life person who has/had made a positive impact in the world. Many decided to choose inventors, politicians, sports figures, artists, musicians, among others. Once they picked their person, they began the research process. Students were given topics to cover that would look deep into the life of their chosen person. Students used class time to: research, make notes, create a speech, create a tri-fold and coin collector as well as other things.

On the day of the presentation, the students dressed up as their person and stood ready to present. The fifth-grade classes came around to a person of their choice and put some coins into the containers. This would

bring the character to life, and they would deliver their speech. The fifth graders got to hear many interesting facts about several different people during the day, throughout the different ELA class times.

Everyone did a fantastic job, and the presentations were wonderful. The students really enjoyed this project and it showed as they put on tons of energy throughout the project.

We ended up collecting eighty dollars, and it was used to purchase supplies for the Washington County Humane Society. Great job sixth graders!



Career Mentoring BECOME A CAREER MENTOR VOLUNTEER!

The BB2C Career Mentor Program matches local volunteers from a variety of professional backgrounds with 7th and 8th grade students. Career mentors are trained volunteers who spend time with their student(s) during the school day. Together, a student and career mentor will:

- * **Develop and work on goals for the student**
- * **Build life and professional skills, such as organization, focus, teamwork & communication**
- * **Explore different careers and career pathways based on the student's interest**

- * **Create supportive relationships to help the student succeed**

Students and their mentors also attend events together throughout the year, including networking meet- and-greets at their school and an annual all-program gathering at Marietta College.

- * **WLSD training will be held August 19**

For more information, contact:
Barb Schafer
Mentor Coordinator
bschafer@BB2Careers.org
740.370.6399 ext. 4
BB2Carrers.org/careermentoring



– WELCOME – BACK TO SCHOOL



Welcome back, Warriors! We hope you had a fantastic summer filled with fun and wonderful memories. We are excited to have you join us for

another year of learning and growth at Warren Elementary.

We are thrilled to announce that we have three new teachers joining our team for the 2024-2025 school year. We are confident they will bring fresh perspectives and enrich the educational experience for our students. Additionally, we are excited to welcome Assistant Principal, Megan Bost, to our Warrior team. Mrs. Bost brings a wealth of experience and dedication to our school community.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS..

Please mark your calendars for some important dates. Homeroom class lists are to be posted on Friday, August 9th, at 3:00 pm. You can find these lists on the cafeteria doors, and they will remain there until school starts. This will allow you ample time to see which class your child has been assigned to.

Open House

Open House will be hosted on Thursday, August 15th, for grades 1-4. The schedule is as follows: The schedule is as follows: 2nd and 3rd grades will be from 4:00-5:00 pm, and 1st and 4th grades will be from 6:00-7:00 pm.

This will be a casual opportunity for parents and students to visit the school, drop off supplies, and meet your child's new teacher. Please note that this will not be a formal orientation or lectures with principals.

For our kindergarten students, Open House time will be scheduled during their staggered start dates on August 20 and August 21, beginning at 10:30 am.

REMINDER

Here are some important reminders for the start of the school year:

- 8:45 am - Parent Drop-off begins in the back parking lot
- 8:55 am - Bus students begin to enter the building
- 9:10 am - Tardy Bell
- 3:30 pm - Student dismissal; Parents should not arrive in the back lot for pickup prior to 3:00 pm.

If parents wish to pick up their students at the end of the day in the back lot on a regular basis, please make sure this is noted in Final Forms. A parking tag will be issued for you and your student. You may also call the school office to get your pick-up

tag. Student numbers will be assigned accordingly.

We are looking forward to a fantastic school year ahead, filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

"Warriors are responsible, respectful and safe"

Best regards,

Ashley Skinner - Principal

WES welcomes new assistant principal



Since moving to Ohio four years ago, Megan Bost has been a School Counselor in Wood County, WV. Originally from North Carolina, she is a

graduate of Western Carolina University, where she earned her Bachelors degree in Social Work and Masters Degree in School Counseling.

Outside of education, she has a passion for coaching and has coached many sports including cheer, cross country, and track and field. Megan has spent most of her career working with middle school students, but she is very excited to move back to the elementary school to take on her new leadership role!





School Supplies

If you are in need of assistance with funding school supplies, we have resources available. Free School supplies will be offered on **August 12 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm** at Warren Middle School. School supply lists are available on our website: <https://wes.warrenlocal.org/>

Warren Elementary Academic Boosters

Our First Academic Booster meeting will be held **September 5th at 6:00 pm** at Warren Elementary. Meetings will be held in the cafeteria. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. If you are interested in participating in the Boosters, please be sure to attend the meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to enhance their academic experience and for parents to get involved in supporting their child's education.

This organization provides a platform for students, parents, and teachers to work together to enhance the educational experience at Warren Elementary.

Train the Volunteer

September 5th at 5:00 @ Warren Elementary School

We are excited to announce that in conjunction with our first Academic Booster meeting, we will be hosting a special event called "Train the Volunteer." This event is specifically designed for parents and guardians who are interested in volunteering at our school this coming school year.

During the Train the Volunteer event, we will provide training and

Never too young to be a hero!



Warren Elementary student, Waylon Park, was recognized by the Washington County Commissioners for calling 911 during a family medical emergency. Great job, Waylon!

Star Warriors



guidance to help our volunteers feel comfortable and confident in their roles. This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about the different volunteer opportunities available and how you can contribute to our school community.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to create a positive and enriching environment for our students. Thank you for your continued support!

Honoring Our Veterans November 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Spread the word! Warren Elementary School is already looking forward to honoring our Veterans in November. We will host the third annual "Tribute to the Armed Forces" showcase to show our appreciation for the men and women who have served/are serving our country. Please feel free to contact Liz Brown (liz.brown@warrenlocal.org) with any inquiries.

Notes from the Attendance Officer

Cathy Neehouse

Welcome back, Warriors! As we prepare for the school year, I wanted to highlight some important details about the district's attendance policy:

1. Be sure to contact your student's school building each and every time they are absent. Each student has six (6) parent excused absences per semester. The seventh (7) absent will be unexcused unless you have a doctor's excuse. Unexcused absences add up to truancy.
2. Every time your child goes to the doctor, please be sure to get a doctor's excuse to turn in to the school. It is beneficial to have the doctor's office fax the excuse to the school. Most students forget to turn in the doctor's excuse.
3. Vacation during the school year

is strongly discouraged. You should receive approval from your child's school administrator beforehand. If the six(6) parent excused absences are used for vacation, all other absences will be unexcused unless the school receives a doctor's excuse.

4. Five (5) tardies equals one (1) day unexcused absence.
5. At the high school/middle school; a student who goes over the six (6) excused days will be required to make up the hours missed. Students will be assigned Saturday School and/or after-school detentions to earn credit for missed hours.

For more information about student absences, please refer to the Student Handbooks located in Final Forms, or call me at 740-678-2366, ext. 3803.

To report student absences, please call or fax the building of attendance:

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

High School
740-678-2393
740-445-5303 (Fax)

Middle School
740-678-2395
740-445-5302 (Fax)

Elementary School
740-445-5300
740-445-5301 (Fax)

WE ARE WARRIORS!



Classified Substitutes

Becoming a classified substitute is a fantastic way to discover a school role that matches your skills and interests. We offer a diverse range of substitute positions, including:

- Bus driver**
- Educational Aide**
- Casual Labor**
- Lunchroom**
- Custodian**

Each role offers unique opportunities to contribute to the school community while gaining valuable experience.

Our electronic application can be found on our website: www.warrenlocal.org. On the home screen, select Quick Links > Employment > Open Classified Positions and Application. Complete the fillable application and, click "Submit."

Please feel free to contact Vicki Lowe at 740-678-2366, ext. 3801. She will be happy to walk you through the process. We look forward to hearing from you!



Summer Camp ~ By Ashley Ditty

Pioneer Pipeline partnered with Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities to bring three weeks of summer camp to local students. *Camp Empower* focused on building life and social skills through various community activities. Campers got to navigate the CABL bus lines, putt-putt golf, attend a matinee, grocery shop, cook, and learn the importance of staying active. Of course, the time spent with Chief Weaver learning about how to respond in case of emergency (on and off campus) involved giving the handcuffs a try.



5th Annual WOW Awards

May 21, 2024 - The 5th Annual "WOW" Awards (**W**arren **O**utstanding **W**arrior Awards) were held on Tuesday, May 21 at the Porterfield Baptist Church. The Awards Show honored the best of Warren Athletics for 2023-24 with the presentation of 23 awards to various athletes, coaches, teams, fans, and community members in a production similar to the ESPN Espy's.

The evening featured an appearance by Brigadier General Andrew Stone, several other ranking officials of the Ohio Army National Guard, and Ohio State Football Assistant Coach Ed Terwilliger. During the show, WHS alum (class of 1968) David Eichhorn was honored with the "Hometown Hero" award for his service with the United States Army in Vietnam. SP5 Eichhorn was the 2023 Washington County Vietnam Veteran of the Year.

Following the Awards show, the "After Party" was held, offering refreshments, photos and fellowship.

Career Connected Learning Opportunities

AI Research Internship

WHS alumnus, Ethan Knotts was selected for an internship in AI Research at AI OWL. As part of his internship, Ethan researched AI tools that will be taught in classes aimed at educating various organizations and businesses on how to effectively use AI. He has recorded several video demonstrations of emerging AI tools that will be shown in these classes. Additionally, he developed a game specifically designed to teach students how to use AI, combining education with interactive and engaging gameplay. Ethan



Award Winners, presented by alums of the WHS sports program, included: Top Team GPA – **Girls Cross Country**; Senior Scholar Athlete – Male – **Ben Bishop**; Senior Scholar Athlete – Female – **Maddie Stealey**; Play of the Year – **Mason Francis swims to two State Titles**; Moment of the Year – **Girls Basketball rallies from huge 4th quarter deficit to claim Sectional Title**; Fan of the Year – **John Coffman**; Makin' A Difference Volunteer of the Year – **Joe Charleston**; Breakthrough Performance Award – **Jacob Sealey**; Strive for Excellence Award – **Mason Francis**; Courage Award – **Sophie**

is also collaborating on a research paper examining the state of AI in Ohio, providing valuable insights and contributing to the broader understanding of AI's impact and potential in our region.

This internship not only allows Ethan to apply what he has learned in a real-world setting, but also provides valuable networking opportunities and insights into potential career paths in AI. Through this experience, Ethan has access to a wealth of resources and mentorship, which will support his academic journey through college and beyond. Initially intended as a summer internship, Ethan has been offered the opportunity to

Boothby; Team of the Year – **Boys Basketball**; Coach of the Year – **Blane Maddox**; Freshman Athlete of the Year-Female – **Aubrey Pepper**; Freshman Athlete of the Year – Male – **Luke Rettenberger**; Sophomore Athlete of the Year-Female – **Sydney Starcher**; Sophomore Athlete of the Year – Male – **Tanner Pepper**; Junior Athlete of the Year-Female – **Mackenzie James-McGuire**; Junior Athlete of the Year – Male – **Mason Francis**; Senior Athlete of the Year-Female – **Kylee Tait**; Senior Athlete of the Year – Male – **Trent Taylor**; Woody Hayes Team of Excellence – **Volleyball**; Buckeye Excellence in Leadership Award – **Trent Taylor**; LBC Outstanding Warrior Award – **Kylee Tait**.

The Title sponsor of the WOW Awards was the Ohio Army National Guard. Gold Sponsors for the event were WHS Athletic Boosters, Lighthouse Baptist Church, Washington State College of Ohio, Student Veterans Club, and Porterfield Baptist Church.

continue working remotely for AI OWL throughout college.

AI Training Program

During the 2023-2024 school year, a group of WHS students participated in an AI training program designed to equip them with the latest knowledge, skills, and tools in AI technology. A total of 14 Warren students completed the program and earned a state recognized credential in AI backed by Intel. This certification not only recognizes their dedication and hard work, but also enhances their readiness for future academic and professional endeavors in the rapidly growing field of AI. They also got to go to the site where Intel is being built.



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ATHLETIC PASSES & TICKET PRICES

Warren Sport Tickets Type	General Admission (Online)	Reserved Chair Back (Online)	Student Presale (Cash)\$	General Admission	Reserved Chair Back Seat	Senior Citizen
Varsity – Football & Boys/Girls Basketball	\$6	\$10	\$5	\$7	\$10	\$5
Varsity – All Other Sports*				\$6	X	\$5
Junior Varsity				\$5	X	\$5
Freshman				\$5	X	\$5
Junior High				\$5	X	\$5



* **Fall:** Soccer, Volleyball; **Winter:** Wrestling; **Spring:** Baseball, Softball, Track & Field
 \$ Student Presale tickets may be purchased with cash at school only on game day

Warren All-Sports Passes

Type	High School	Junior High	Combined
Student (K-12)	\$75	\$50	\$100
Adult	\$100	\$75	\$150
Family*	\$275	\$175	\$350
Senior Citizen\$		\$50	

* Includes parents and legal dependents
 \$ To purchase a "Senior Citizen Pass", good for all HS & MS sporting events, one must be 60 years of age or older at time of purchase.

Premium Seating* (Includes Prime Parking for Football)
Available to All-Sports Pass Holders ONLY

Football*	\$50
Boys Basketball	\$50
Girls Basketball	\$50
2 Pack (choice of any 2 sports above)	\$85
3 Pack (includes Football + Boys and Girls Basketball)	\$125

*All PREMIUM seats are chair backs. Seats are limited and will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis.

All-Sports Passes and Premium (reserved) Seats with Prime Parking must be purchased exclusively online through



..... Game Tickets are also available online, but may be purchased at the Gate.
 (Cash, debit/credit cards will be accepted at the gate)

For online purchases, go to: <https://athletics.warrenlocal.org/quick-links/purchase-tickets>