



Warren Local School District

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Spring 2025

Please come to Boston

MIT invites Warren students to present their work

In an inspiring initiative aimed at enhancing student motivation and voice, Warren Middle and High Schools have partnered with the Jennings Foundation during the 2024–2025 school year.

At the beginning of the school year, a group of dedicated students volunteered to participate in the opportunity. Their mission? To explore what drives student engagement and how student voices can shape a more inclusive and empowering school environment.

Throughout the year, these students conducted interviews with both peers and teachers, gathering a wide range of perspectives. Demonstrating initiative and analytical skills, they took the lead

in analyzing their own data, identifying key themes that revealed common experiences and opportunities for improvement within the school community. Their work centered on amplifying authentic voices from within their school community and uncovering stories that often go unheard.

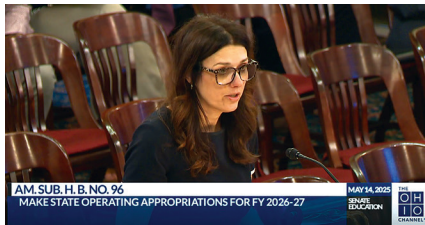
Their efforts did not go unnoticed. The Human Restoration Project, a nonprofit organization working

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House/Senate Education Committee Testimony

April 1 – On behalf of Warren Local Schools and as President Elect of the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS), Superintendent Newton recently testified before the House Education Committee as a proponent of House Bill 62 and the



impact of College Credit Plus (CCP) on Warren Local School District.

During his address to the House Education Committee, Mr. Newton stated, “The impact of College Credit Plus on our students is profound. I firmly

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WHS becomes additional location for WSCO



MARIETTA—Washington State College of Ohio (WSCO) is pleased to share that Warren High School (WHS) has officially been designated as an additional location for WSCO. This designation means that students at Warren can now complete more than 50% of an Associate Degree through dual enrollment courses offered on their high school campus. They also offer courses in the Criminal Justice and Cybersecurity degree pathways. The education pathway is the only one that offers 50% or more on the high school campus.

To become an approved additional location for WSCO, WHS needed to have credentialed teachers on-site and offer academic advising support. In preparation, WHS educators completed extensive training to meet WSCO’s standards. These sessions covered topics such as WSCO’s Education Transfer courses, the Canvas learning management system, and grading policies.

WHS Guidance Counselor, Barbara Augustine highlights the ongoing collaboration between WHS and WSCO to maintain these standards. “We work closely with WSCO representatives—including Debbie Gurtis, Abbey Turner, and Dr. Jona Rinard—to ensure that the courses our students take align with WSCO’s degree programs,” says Augustine.

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alongside the Jennings Foundation to promote human-centered education, was so impressed with the students' work that they invited the group to present their findings at none other than the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

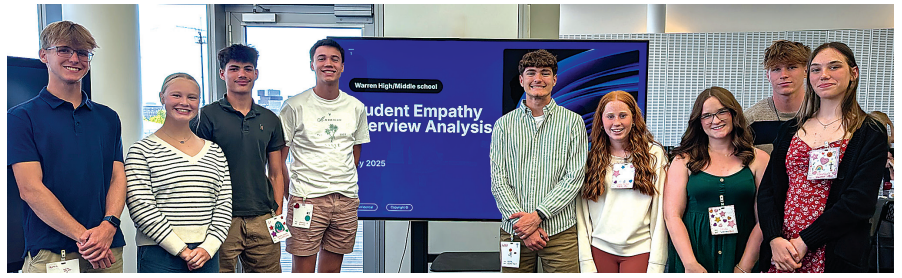
In mid-May, the group of nine students traveled to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to present their work at the University's Listening Lab - a space designed to explore human connection through deep listening and conversation.

At MIT, the students presented their findings and shared reflections on their interview process, sparking meaningful dialogue with educators, researchers, and other students from the states of Maine and New Jersey. They also received a personal tour of the MIT campus, where they saw groundbreaking research in action and gained insight into the real-world impact of science, technology, and innovation.

The trip wasn't limited to MIT. The students explored the historic **Freedom Trail**, immersing themselves in Boston's deep-rooted history and its role in American independence. They also visited **Boston University** and **Harvard University**, getting a taste of campus life and the vibrant academic environments that define some of the world's top institutions.

This unforgettable experience gave students a firsthand look at higher education, cutting-edge research, and the power of listening as a tool for change. More than just a field trip, the journey was a celebration of curiosity and student voice. Well done, Warriors!

Pictured above, L to R: Mason Werry, Hollyn Reed, Wesley Sealey, Easton Morgan, Kolten Venham, Haylee Holman, Dalila Dennis, Nick Cressey, and Jocelyn Evans. Not pictured: Sophie Boothby and Lily King.



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Another key requirement for approval as an additional location was a site visit conducted by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). This visit took place in late 2024. "During the visit, our team met with the evaluators to review the Educational Pathway, including the required coursework and our capacity to offer both general education and education-specific classes," explains Augustine. "One unique advantage we have is the ability to provide elementary and middle school field experience right here on campus."

This partnership—and the approval of WHS as an additional location—is already having a meaningful impact on both schools, with WHS students especially benefiting from the expanded opportunities. "This collaboration has opened up an entirely new dimension in how we can prepare our students for the next steps in their career journey," says Augustine. "They now have a clearer understanding of the path to earning a degree, along with the steps required and the purpose behind each one as they move toward their goals," adds Augustine.

Debbie Gurtis, Early College Coordinator at WSCO, notes that the collaboration has significantly expanded academic opportunities for WHS students, pointing to the noticeable growth in dual enrollment offerings.

"For the 2024–2025 school year, WHS is offering 28 dual enrollment courses— many with multiple sections— highlighting their strong commitment to providing accessible college credit," says Gurtis. "Thanks to the dedication and vision of the WHS staff, the growing number of credentialed instructors, the development of academic pathways, and strong student interest, the number of dual enrollment offerings has steadily increased each year," shares Gurtis.

Augustine echoes that sentiment, expressing her excitement over the increased available courses and student participation. "We now have more than 100 students enrolled in CCP courses on campus,"

Augustine shares. "At the end of the day, it's all about supporting our students, and having such a wide range of educational opportunities at Warren High School is a powerful way to do just that," says Augustine.

For over 54 years, Washington State College of Ohio has fueled the community's future through higher education and workforce training. We work to make a positive impact by providing opportunities for growth. We inspire individual excellence and success by providing dynamic academic programs and pathways for students looking to enrich their lives.

For more information about Washington State College of Ohio, visit www.wsko.edu or call 740.374.8716.



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Athletic Director of the Year



April – WLSD Athletic Director (AD), Steve Harold, was announced by the Southeast Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association as the Athletic Director of the Year!

This award was voted on by all of the ADs in the southeast district.

Our staff, students, and community have long recognized that Steve is the best of the best, but for the rest of southeast Ohio to acknowledge the same, is another level of success! When coaches, players, parents, and admin from other districts come to Warren, they are blown away by our facilities, operations, gameday atmosphere, sportsmanship, and hospitality. This is a testament to Steve and his leadership. Congratulations, Steve!



BB2C Recognizes Kerry Farnsworth

Kerry Farnsworth teaches social studies at Warren High School. Below is an excerpt from a recent communication regarding Kerry from Emily Bentley, Education Engagement Specialist with Building Bridges to Careers:

“I wanted to take a moment to highlight the fantastic work of Kerry Farnsworth. Her innovative approach to the Real World Problem Scenario has been featured in our latest blog post, thanks to Heather Miller from BB2C. The piece showcases how Kerry is making a significant impact on student learning and actively involving the community in her classroom.

It’s truly inspiring to see how Kerry has embraced and personalized the Real World Problem

Scenario process this year. We’re grateful for our ongoing collaboration with Warren, which continues to serve as a model for connecting students with local careers and their community.

You can check out the full story at: Real-World Learning: An Educator’s Journey with Real World Problem Scenario.



FFA NEWS

By Emma Sutton

Another busy spring for the Warren FFA!

As students finish the school year, the hard work continues into the summer as they continue to work on their Supervised Agricultural Experiences throughout the year. At the annual Ohio FFA Convention, 40 students traveled to Columbus for an experience of speakers and awards at the Expo Center.

During the annual Ohio FFA Convention we watched State Proficiency Finalist, Launa Ireland, in the area of Equine Science Entrepreneurship, earn a 2nd place award on stage.

Abigail Murphy placed 1st in the state in the area of Beef Production - Placement - State Champion! Launa Ireland was also recognized as a State Finalist as a Star over Ohio in the area of Agribusiness.

Our chapter had three chapter officers receive gold ratings at the State Level and walk across the stage. Congratulations to members: Emma

Sutton — Reporter, Grant Gilliland — Treasurer, and Libby Swaney — Secretary.

Four of our members received their awards for placing 1st in the entire state by taking the Greenhand Quiz - STATE CHAMPIONS!



Warren had 10 State FFA Degree recipients walk across the stage as a result of their hard work; a record. The State Degree requires 25 hours of community service, \$2,500 earned and invested in a Supervised Agricultural Experience, and eight FFA

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Nurse Notes

Stay Active and Have Fun this Summer!

Shut off the TV, put down the electronic devices, and encourage kids and teens to be active for at least 60 minutes a day! Physical activities should increase the heart rate and improve muscle strength. There are plenty of fun and safe indoor and outdoor activities for kids to enjoy during the summer months. Playgrounds, sports fields, and public pools are great places to get kids moving without even realizing it!



Vision and Hearing Screening Follow-up Reminder

Did your student receive a vision or hearing screening referral from the school nurse? Summer is a great time to schedule! If you need assistance finding a provider or if you need financial assistance, please contact the school nurse.



Medication/Medical Needs

Medication Reminder:

If your student needs to take prescription medication during school hours during the 25-26 school year, 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.

Emergency Action Plan Reminder:

If your student has a serious medical condition such as seizures, diabetes, serious food allergies/bee sting allergies or asthma please have your child's healthcare provider complete an emergency action plan over the summer. Many providers have their own action plan form. Action Plans are also available on Final Forms or by emailing your school nurse.

Dental Programs

This school year, staff from the Washington County Health Department offered free dental sealants and dental varnish at Warren Local. Dental sealants were offered to 2nd and 6th grade students. The hygienist also rechecked sealants of 3rd and 7th grade students that were placed last school year. The program offered dental varnish to kindergarten and 1st grade students. A sealant is a plastic coating that keeps food and germs out of the chewing surfaces of the back teeth and protects them from cavities.



Fluoride Varnish is fluoride that is painted on the teeth to help prevent cavities and to help stop small cavities that have already started. For more information please visit <https://www.washingtongov.org/620/Dental-Sealant-Program>.

Immunization Reminders for Fall of 2025

Parents of upcoming 7th grade students: Documentation of an updated **tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap)** booster and a **meningococcal (MCV4)** vaccine must be on file at Warren Middle School before your child can enter the 7th grade in August of 2025.

Parents of upcoming 12th grade students: Documentation of a **meningococcal (MCV4)** vaccine given on or after the student's 16th birthday must be on file at Warren High School before your child can enter the 12th grade in August of 2025. This also includes Warren students who attend the Washington County Career Center, Washington State Community College, and other colleges.

Parents of incoming KG students: 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)



Please review any records that you have to see if your child has received the required immunizations. If your child needs immunizations, please contact your child's healthcare provider, the Washington County Health Department (740-374-2782), or the Marietta-Belpre City Health Department (740-373-0611) to schedule an appointment.

Please send a copy of the above required immunizations to school as soon as possible. Records can also be faxed to 740-445-5301 or emailed to melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org.



Summer EBT/Sun Bucks provides grocery benefits to low-income families with school-aged children when schools are closed for the summer. Summer EBT benefits will either be loaded to a household's Ohio Direction Card or a benefit card will be sent in the mail to each eligible child.

Families can use the money to buy food during the summer at grocery stores, farmers markets and other authorized retailers. Families will receive a one-time benefit of \$120 for each eligible child and participation will not affect children or families' immigration status. Many families will get Summer EBT/SUN Bucks automatically if they are getting other benefits. If your household already participates in SNAP, OWF, income eligible and receiving Medicare benefits, they will automatically receive the summer benefit with no further action.

If you are not automatically enrolled, but believe that your child might be eligible, you may use the online application at sebt.ohio.gov. When applying, you will be asked to provide your child's name, school, date of birth, address and some additional details. You will be asked to report your household's income. You will not need to provide any other documents or information including social security number, proof of citizenship, or pay stubs to apply.

Happy Summer!



Summer 2025

Free lunchtime meals for Kids ages 1-18

Sponsored by Washington-Morgan Community Action

For planning purposes and to ensure children receive a hot meal, families should call the central kitchen **each day** at 740-373-3455 and indicate which site they will be picking up a meal. Calls should be made the day before or before 8:00 am on the day the children would like to have a meal.

Pick-up location: Warren Middle School (Sports Center)

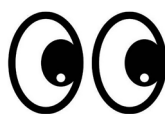
Dates/Times: June 9 – August 15; 12:30 – 1:00 pm

Weekend Meals

Come every Friday to the Summer Feeding Program to get a meal pack for the weekend!

Charlene Fronko
Food Service Supervisor
740-678-2366 ext., 3810

Thank you to our amazing lunchroom staff!



Looking ahead...no cost breakfast/lunch

We are excited to announce that Warren Local Schools will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

Summer reminders:

Please update all transportation needs in the TransAct Parent Portal over the summer. This can be accessed through Quick Links at: warrenlocal.org. You can update AM/PM and daily transportation plans. If you need to permanently change address or contact information, please do so in Final Forms.

2025-2026 Bus schedules will go out via email in early August. Please verify your primary email address is correct in Final Forms to receive your student's schedule.



Warren Bus Drivers spent the day ensuring their mirrors were in alignment to see all lines of sight properly. We appreciate everything they do to ensure our buses are operating as safely as possible!



Star Warriors Bus Riders...Great job!



Band and Choir Collaboration

By Jimmy Sundquist

Every March is *Music in Our Schools Month*, and the band and choir have an annual tradition of hosting a joint concert. This year's concert was on March 6th, and the auditorium was packed. The evening closed with the band playing and the choir singing Warren's Alma Mater. It is always such a great moment when the forces of all the groups combine to create music as one!



Bells 3 Headlines Convention

On April 25, Bells 3 was invited to play the opening concert for the Handbell Musicians of America Convention in Columbus. They were the guests of honor, and entertained over 700 other handbell ringers on the first night of the convention. They were on top form, and presented a challenging hour of music, beautifully. Our talented ringers represented Warrior Nation well!



Annual Arts Encounter Field Trip

Thirty students from Mr. Secreto's seventh and eighth grade Advanced Art classes were invited to attend this year's annual Arts Encounter field trip. The event is organized and sponsored by Artsbridge, located in downtown Parkersburg, WV.

Students were able to take a behind-the-scenes tour with actors from the Actors Guild, rehearsing improv



FINE ARTS

They were also able to meet internationally recognized composer and conductor, Fred Gramann, and played one of his pieces while he was in the audience for the concert. This was a great experience for our bell students!

WHS Presents Seussical

The first weekend of May, the combined forces of the Warren High School band, choir, and theatre departments and the Warren Middle School choir de- presented *the Musical*. We are proud accom- of these performers. They began working in January to make this show the great success that it was.



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We broke box office records for the fourth year in a row, and also had more students participate this year than we have ever had! We presented



the show to 1,170 patrons over the three-show run, in addition to the combined first grade classes of Warren, Belpre, and Marietta. It really takes all the students and directors working together to bring something like this off, and we couldn't be more proud!



Arts Encounters is always a high-light for the students.

skits, trying on various masks and clothes used in various shows and performances, as well as getting in a little chore-graphed dancing. Students were given a tour of the Parkersburg Art Center. They also participated in an art themed scavenger hunt, prior to creating their own art works, including clay and watercolors.



WHS Science Olympiad

The Warren High School Science Olympiad team achieved a victory by placing 1st at the Regional Science Olympiad Tournament, securing their spot at the State Tournament held at The Ohio State University. The following students received the Golden Sweep Award for medaling in every event they entered: Preston Nichols, Suzanna Whipkey, Nataleigh Norman, and Erin Griswold. Karinna Caldwell earned the most first place medals and the Quantum Catalyst award for her role in driving success and excellence for the team.

The team, made up of dedicated students from various grade levels,

competed in events spanning biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, and earth science. Their top placement at Regionals is a testament to months of hard work, preparation, and a strong commitment to academic excellence.

"This team has shown exceptional teamwork and perseverance," said Coach Vincent. "Their passion for science and learning really shined at Regionals, and it was an honor to represent our school at the state level."

At the State Tournament, Warren's team faced stiff competition from the top 40 schools across Ohio. While the final results are still being celebrated, the experience of competing at The Ohio State University was a memorable milestone for the students and a proud moment for the Warren Local

community.

Some notable State placings were:

10th place Entomology- Preston Nichols and Abbi Hoyt; 12th place Write It, Do It- Ashlee Pate and Nataleigh Norman; 14th place Forensics- Samantha Blaney and Karinna Caldwell; 17th place Ecology- Preston Nichols and Erin Griswold; 18th Bungee Drop- Kairi Price and Karinna Caldwell; 18th Chemistry Lab- Samantha Blaney and Karinna Caldwell.

The following students exceeded their coaches' expectations with their responsibility and work ethic which earned them the Pinnacle of Diligence Award: Kairi Price, Karinna Caldwell, Marco Orozco, Samantha Blaney and Joselyn Erb.

We had several school records broken this year! Bungee Drop with Kairi Price and Karinna Caldwell, Entomology with Preston Nichols and Abbi Hoyt, Forensics with Samantha Blaney and Karinna Caldwell, Optics with Samantha Blaney and Joslyn Erb and Write It, Do It with Nataleigh Norman and Ashlee Pate.

Congratulations to the Warren High School Science Olympiad team on their outstanding achievements!



Regional Scholars

By Kaylee Gates

Regional Scholars is a spring leadership conference for high school juniors, hosted by districts across Southeast Ohio. The event takes place at Camp Akita in Logan, Ohio, where students explore leadership skills, communication styles, and team-building through activities like archery, climbing, and nature hikes. While there, they also attend a college fair and financial aid session to learn about higher education opportunities.

Warren Local juniors, Sophie Boothby and Kirra Sadler, took part in the two-day experience this year, leaving

with new insights and meaningful connections. A special thanks to Ms. Benito who attended as a chaperone for the students.



Pioneer Pipeline Transition Program Seeks Internship Placements for 25-26 School Year

The Pioneer Pipeline Transition Program is excited to announce that we are looking to expand our internship placements for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year! We believe that hands-on experience is invaluable for our students as they prepare to enter the workforce.

Attention Business Owners!

If you are interested in hosting an unpaid intern and contributing to the professional development of our youth, we would love to hear from you. By partnering with us, you can play a crucial role in shaping the

future of our students while also benefiting your business.

For more information on how to get involved, please reach out to Ashley at ashley.ditty@warrenlocal.org or feel free to text/call 740-503-0869. Join us in making a positive impact on our community and empowering the next generation!

To learn more about our program in detail, please scan:



ESPORTS

By Nathan Vincent

Our Fortnite Esports Team went to State, being 5th in our regional competition, and ending up 10th out of 33 teams. The team played 5 games and the team with the most eliminations; final placement in the match got points. The students are Isiah Wiley, Cooper Sparks and Kingston Sealey.

Smash Brothers ended their season with 1 and 6 record, Overwatch

ended their season with a 1-6 record. Athletes are excited to play again next year! If you are interested and want to learn more, please contact Coach Vincent any time and we can see if we can find a game/team for you.



Etiquette

By Jenny Higgins

On Friday, April 30, Warren High School's Senior Class participated in the 21st Annual Senior Etiquette Luncheon aboard the Valley Gem Sternwheeler in Marietta, Ohio. This memorable event featured Dr. Betty Young, President of Hocking College and a proud 1973 Warren graduate, who shared valuable etiquette tips and life advice to help guide our seniors in their future endeavors.

We extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Young for taking the time to inspire and support our students as they prepare for the next chapter in their lives.





Artists from all grade levels are always hard at work in Mr. Secreto's Art 1 and Advanced Art classes. Students create everything from portraits to animals wearing sweaters.

Students continue to sharpening their skills in line work, blending and layering with pastels and more; the art room is filled with lots of colorful and creative talent.



WMS Science Olympiad

The Warren Middle School Science Olympiad team made their school and community proud with a strong performance at the Regional Science Olympiad Tournament, earning a 3rd place finish and qualifying for the State Tournament at The Ohio State University.



Throughout the season, the team demonstrated commitment, curiosity, and teamwork as they prepared for challenging events in areas such as biology, engineering, chemistry, and earth science. Their hard work paid off with a podium finish at Regionals and the honor of competing at the state level. The following students earned the Quantum Catalyst Award for their role in driving success and excellence for their team- Alexis Brinkman, Brooke Wasson and Maggie Evans.

"This group showed incredible growth and determination," said Coach Vincent. "Qualifying for State was a major accomplishment, and they represented Warren with pride and enthusiasm. For many of them, this was their first time competing at

this level, and they rose to the challenge with determination and a great attitude. All the coaches are very proud of our team."

Although the team did not place among the top finishers at the State Tournament, the experience was invaluable. Our Codebuster team beat the school record! The students who competed in that event were Alexis Brinkman, Adi Greenup and Brooke Wasson. Competing on a statewide stage allowed the students to challenge themselves, learn from others, and build confidence for future competitions.

The coaches recognized these students with the Pinnacle of Diligence Award for exceeding expectations for work ethic and responsibility: Alexis Brinkman, Brooke Wasson, Maggie Evans, and Camryn Edgell.



Congratulations to the Warren Middle School Science Olympiad team for an outstanding season and a well-earned trip to State!



Environmental Science Students Visit Working Landfill

Field Trip Provides Eye-Opening Lesson on Waste Management

By Miki Rowland

On April 11, the 7th grade Environmental Science students at Warren Middle School took their learning beyond the classroom with a visit to the Waste Management Landfill. The trip offered students a firsthand look at what happens to waste that doesn't get recycled — an important and often overlooked part of the environmental science curriculum.

During the visit, students had the opportunity to observe the daily operations of a working landfill. They learned about how trash is compacted, covered, and carefully managed to minimize environmental impact. Students also saw how landfill sites are engineered with liners and drainage systems to protect groundwater and surrounding ecosystems.

"It was surprising to see how much waste there is and how much space it takes up," one student said. "It really made me think about how important recycling and reducing waste is."

This field trip helped reinforce classroom discussions on sustainability, waste reduction, and the importance of responsible environmental practices. By seeing the landfill in action, stu-

dents gained a deeper appreciation for the environmental consequences of everyday choices.

Warren Middle School extends a big thank you to Waste Management staff for their time and willingness to share their expertise with our students. This visit was an important step in helping our students become more environmentally conscious citizens.



More High School News

Teachers Explore Ohio

On May 2nd, the Warren High School Social Studies Department explored two important regions of Ohio. These tours and information strengthened the team's knowledge of Ohio and our state's important part of the nation's past. Kerry Farnsworth, Dakota McDaniel, and Andy Biddinger toured Cincinnati and learned about the immigration of German-speaking peoples to Ohio. Movement from Europe to Ohio plays a vital role in determining our cultural identity. Cincinnati was particularly special to German and German-speaking immigrants.



Their food, clothing, religion, and work-ethic all relate to parts of our present-day culture. We sampled some German foods including Goetta. Look it up, it is definitely interesting. This was prepared by a seventh-generation butcher running his family business in the Findlay Market. Jason Johnson explored Ohio's industrial and railroad past. He visited the Roundhouse Museum and learned about the age of steam touring the largest private collection of steam locomotives in the world.



Lots going on at WHS!

By Olivia Mullins

In conjunction with the 4H Club, CarTeens and the Highway State Patrol, WHS sponsored Seat Belt Safety Week, April 21-25. This entailed various car safety activities throughout the week with a mock crash on Friday.



The Warren High School Prom "A Night at the Oscars" was held April 26th. The Prom Court King candidates were Owen Thompson, Dawson Staley, Landon Fairbanks, and Keegan

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The Importance of Worms

By Amelia Tolliver



Environmental Educator for Southeast Ohio, Wanda Venham-Schaad, visits kindergarten students every year to teach them the importance of worms. She read them a wonderful story and gave

students an opportunity to look at worms up closely! Students were able to examine worms using our senses of touch, sight, smell, and hearing. They loved getting their hands dirty and spending



some time learning about worms. We would all like to thank Miss Wanda for taking the time to teach us all about the importance of worms!

GT Environmental, in partnership with Southeastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District, supply environmental education to grades pre-k to high school. They provide presentations on landfills, composting with worms, and hazardous waste.

For more information you may contact Wanda at: wschaad@gtenvironmental.com.



Math Egg Hunt

By Lori Greuy

Our fourth grade students recently practiced for the Ohio state math test with a little fun. Students were sent on an Easter egg hunt. Every egg contained



practice math questions. The students used their problem solving skills to answer the

questions and earn raffle tickets for some Easter surprises. Learning is so much fun!



Warren Elementary's Got Talent!

By Liz Brown

The fourth grade classes said farewell to Warren Elementary at their Talent Show and Art Show in May. The audience enjoyed several acts of singing, dancing, guitar, piano, gymnastics, yoyo tricks, and two hilarious granny impersonators!

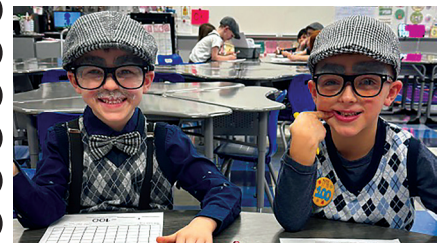
year," could be heard as 135 fourth graders took the stage. A good time was had by all. Great job on your show, and good luck at the Middle School next year!!!



The entire fourth grade performed two original parodies at the end of the show. One of their lyrics: "It'll only take a minute, to walk across the lot, to where we will be taught next



100 Days Smarter!





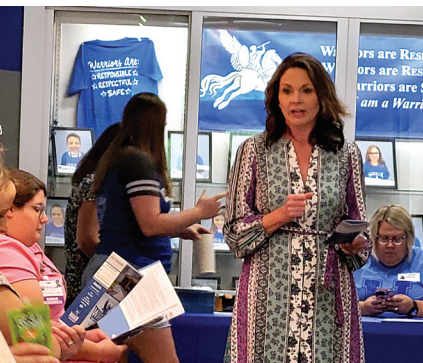
Drums!

By Debra Adams

An Artsbridge presenter recently visited our first grade classes. He gave the students background information about different types of African drums. They learned, specifically, about the djembe drum, made of goatskin and wood.

Every first grade student was given an opportunity to play the drums in front of the audience.

March to the beat of your own drummer. ~ Henry David Thoreau



Artsbridge Showcases Elementary Artists

By Tiffany Kehl

Warren Elementary artists had the privilege of showcasing artwork at the Grand Central Mall for an Artsbridge event. Students in grades kindergarten through fourth grade were represented.



Kindergarten Registration Recap

Thank you to all the families who joined us for KG registration on May 1st and 2nd! We loved meeting our newest Warriors and sharing information about the upcoming school year.

We're excited to welcome the Class of 2038! If you were unable to attend or still need to enroll, you can do so by creating an account with [Final Forms](#) on our website. If you need any additional information or help, please contact the administration office at 740-678-2366.



Dog Tricks

April - Maddie Tredway brought her dogs to show off their skills to our second grade students. They performed tricks and amazed everyone with their agility skills. Thanks, Maddie!



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believe in the value of providing high school students with the opportunity to experience college-level coursework, gaining valuable perspectives, academic growth, and preparation for their future educational and career paths. In rural districts like ours, where access to advanced coursework and resources can be limited, CCP plays a crucial role in leveling the playing field and fostering equity in education."

Newton also added, "That said, I strongly support the updates outlined in HB62, as they will reinforce the original intent of CCP while addressing significant challenges. These provisions will enhance the educational culture of all school districts, particularly small and rural ones.

Mr. Newton went on to present on the impact of CCP at Warren Local School District; he addressed the cost disparities and inefficiencies of CCP, as well as the projected impact of HB62.

April 14 – WLSD Treasurer/CFO, Melcie Wells, testified before the Senate Education Committee on House Bill 62 and its impact on the Fair School Funding Plan. She stated that capping cash balances would undercut responsible financial

planning and could increase long-term costs for both school districts and local taxpayers.

She continued, "I would like to also advocate today for the Fair School Funding Plan and feel that keeping it in place and updating its inputs would allow school districts to make fiscal decisions from a known and equitable funding model. In addition, our district has proudly implemented the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program, which provides free breakfast and lunch to all students, regardless of income. When students no longer have to worry about where their next meal is coming from, they are better able to focus, participate, and succeed in the classroom. Programs like CEP only thrive when backed by sufficient funding. That is why the increase that CEP has provided in our district's Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA) is absolutely crucial to our overall budget and mission."

In closing, Mrs. Wells said, "In a rural district like Warren Local, where economic hardship is a daily reality for many families, every additional dollar in DPIA funding helps us close gaps and create real education opportunities. It ensures that students not only have food security, but also the academic support they need to thrive from kindergarten through graduation."

LOTS

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Hendrix. The Prom Court Queen candidates were Holly Swaney, Deanna Chesser, Payge Cornell, and Eryn Gillian. The Prom King was Owen Thompson and the Prom Queen was Deanna Chesser.



The Junior Class Prom Committee came up with a fun fundraiser this year called Prom Potty. The potty was sent to several businesses in the area who then donated to make prom a successful event. A special thank you to all of the local businesses that participated and Antonio's for supplying lunch to the students and staff who set up and decorated for prom.



FFA

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activities above the chapter level. Congratulations to Ryace Boyer, Hunter Powell, BreAnn Dye, Dustin Vandine, Abigail Murphy, Libby Swaney, Kiera Yoak, Madelynn Stanley-Lang, Grant Gilliland, and Blaine Eskridge. We ended the convention with Ryace Boyer being elected as an Ohio FFA State Officer - State Vice-President at Large! Ryace is the first State Officer in 20 years.

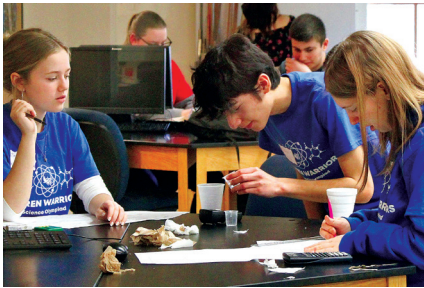


Our chapter competed in many Career Development Events (CDE) over the spring. Our school competed in the State Floriculture contest. Through the contest, team members placed classes of flowers, identified flowers, created floral designs, and completed fertilization calculations. The team placed 6th in the State! Students also competed in the district Agricultural Mechanics Contest and Outdoor Power contest. In the Agricultural Power and Diagnostics contest. Our team placed 1st in the district out of 15 teams. They then placed 12th in the STATE! Ryace Boyer was placed in the top 12 in the STATE for Extemporaneous public speaking!

Over spring break, four students and Mr. Campbell traveled to California/Nevada to visit Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Park. During the trip, students visited another FFA program in CA and traveled hundreds of miles in CA and NV.

We hosted our annual FFA banquet where we were able to recognize all of our members, community supporters and alumni through awards and recognition. It was great to host our banquet in person at school, we hosted over 380 members and guests. It has been a great school year and we are looking forward to a relaxing summer!





JULIAN STADELMAN
ALL-TIME LEADING SCORER

WARREN BOYS BASKETBALL



STATE CHAMPION
MASON FRANCIS
50m Freestyle
100m Freestyle



WHS graduates, Chuck Lipps, 1972, and sister, Toni Lipps Smith, 1982, recently donated a collection of books to Katie Oinonen and the WHS Book Club in honor of their mother, Dora. She was an avid reader of country music stars, presidential stories and murder mysteries.



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WHS Graphic Design Students Make Their Mark

By Nathan Evans

The Graphic Design program at Warren High School has had an outstanding year, filled with creativity, achievement, and real-world impact. Under the direction of Mr. Nathan Evans, students have demonstrated remarkable talent in digital media, animation, photography, and design.

Two students, Hayden Barnes and Andre Curry, earned regional honors in the prestigious Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition. Hayden was recognized for his compelling photography, while Andre received accolades for his digital graphic work and a reel of original animation shorts. Andre's success didn't stop there—he went on to become a state finalist, placing in the top 25 statewide. His work can be viewed in the official web gallery: <https://2025ohiogovernorsyouthart.artcall.org/pages/web-gallery>.

Both students will continue pursuing their passions after graduation: Andre will attend Ohio University to major in Animation, and Hayden will also attend Ohio University, majoring in Engineering. In addition to competition success, students contributed to the Warren High School Annual Art Show, held the last week of April. The Graphic Design class showcased a variety of pieces, reflecting months of hard work and innovation. Senior Owen Bookman made a significant impact beyond the classroom, producing

a professional video and voiceover project for Mountain River Physical Therapy. The finished product will be used across all of Mountain River's social media platforms. Owen plans to attend University of Pikeville, where he'll major in Sports Broadcasting while playing football.

The Advanced Graphic Design class also played a hands-on role in enhancing school spirit, collaborating with Stephen Ludwig to design and install custom graphics on the Warrior Archway, a prominent landmark on campus.



In support of the district as a whole, the Graphic Design class also created and produced all of the custom cinch bags used during Kindergarten

Registration, giving the youngest Warriors a personalized welcome into the school community.

These student achievements demonstrate not only technical skills but also a commitment to storytelling, professionalism, and community involvement. The Graphic Design program at Warren High School continues to prepare students for creative futures, whether in the arts, media, or beyond.



Robotics

By Larry King

May 13 - Warren participated in a STEM engineering field trip to Fort Frye High School to compete in the Ohio Valley Robotic and Indoor Drone Competition.

Representing Warren High School were 15 students: Jayden Potter, Haidyn Barnes, Zach Ruth, Michael Holdren, Ian Cunningham, Chase Gunn, Hayden Wells, Landon McCoy, Nikolas O'Neal, Thomas LaDeaux, George Cunningham, Thomas Kuczko, Grace Dearth, Maya Ruth, and Danial Ruth.



Warren competed in both the robot portion, and in the drone competition of this event. The Robot portion was new to us this year and we were very busy adapting and rebuilding our VEX Robots to participate. The drone event was similar to past years.

Warren placed 3rd in the Robotic competition with a 'bot piloted by Chase Gunn and Ian Cunningham.

In the drone competition, Warren students, Haidyn Barnes and Hayden Wells, placed 4th in the field with Zach Ruth with Michael Holdren placing first. This is the first time we have won in the drone competition.