



# Warren Local School District

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Summer 2025

## Stronger Together – Welcome Back!

The heart of the community will soon be back in session



I hope this newsletter finds you and your family refreshed and ready for the opportunities that a new academic year brings. As Superintendent of Warren Local Schools, it is my pleasure to

welcome all our returning students, families, and staff, and extend a warm welcome to those joining us for the first time.

Each new school year marks a fresh beginning, full of promise and potential. Our dedicated staff have been working hard over the summer to prepare for another successful year of learning, growth, and achievement. We remain committed to providing a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

This year, we will continue to focus on student-centered learning, fostering a culture of respect and responsibility, as well as operational efficiency. We're excited about the initiatives ahead, including the continued implementation of the Portrait of

a Warrior and enhanced community partnerships that lead to community and career connected learning.

As always, communication and collaboration between home and school are essential to student success. I encourage you to stay connected with your child's teachers and school leadership, attend events, and reach out with any questions or concerns. Together, we can ensure a meaningful and memorable school experience for all.

As we begin an exciting new school year, we're thrilled to welcome several new team members across the district, including new administrators, teachers, and staff stepping into new roles. Some are new to our schools, while others are familiar faces taking on fresh challenges. Each brings unique strengths, experience, and passion to our Warrior community. Get to know our newest team members by checking out their bios in this publication!

On behalf of the Warren Local Board of Education and the entire district team, thank you for your continued support.

Together, we are stronger. Together, We are Warriors!

**Welcome back, Warriors!**

*Kyle Newton* ~ Superintendent

### Warren Awarded Battelle/Ohio STEM Learning Network Grant

By Lori Ludwig

Warren Local Schools was awarded a large grant from Battelle, in partnership with the Ohio STEM Learning Network, as a consortium with the Washington County Career Center, Belpre City Schools, and Fort Frye Local. This grant will allow us to further enhance our engineering and manufacturing career pathway at Warren High School. The district was able to purchase Skill Boss machines on which students are able to train to become **See Grant, pg. 14**

#### What's new?

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the new addition to Warrior Stadium was built by some of our own hands? The 3D "WARREN WARRIORS" (below) was a collaborative project between the Warren Maintenance Crew and Mr. Carpenter's CTE classes! See more photos on page 15.



## MEET THE TEACHER



### **Rebecca Armbruster – ES Intervention Specialist**



Rebecca grew up in East Brunswick, NJ. She has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from The University of Tampa and a master's degree in Reading Education

from the University of South Florida with licenses in elementary education and intervention. She lived and taught third grade in Tampa, FL for 10 years before moving to Ohio. She previously taught second and third grade in the Warren district from 2015- 2023 and comes from Trimble Elementary, where she taught preschool for the past two years. Rebecca and her husband, Drew, have a daughter, Lola. They enjoy spending time with their family and traveling. "I am very excited to be back as a Warren Warrior!"

### **Tiffany Davis – HS ELA**



Tiffany is a 2019/2020 graduate of Ohio University. She has spent the past five years working at Trimble High School as an English teacher and is looking forward to this new

adventure! Originally from Columbus, Ohio, Tiffany has come to love the small, community focused districts that surround her new home town, Nelsonville. In her free time Tiffany enjoys reading, writing, crafting, painting, and a variety of other nerdy activities. This year, she will be teaching a variety of English courses including AP Seminar, CCP English Comp I and

II, and ninth grade English. She will also be in charge of Book Club. "I am looking forward to becoming part of the Warren family!"

### **Tony Hopper – HS ELA**



Tony graduated from Blanchester High School in 2020 and earned his bachelor's degree in Integrated Language Arts from Ohio University in 2025. He is passionate about

helping students develop a love for literature and strengthen their critical thinking skills. In his free time, Tony enjoys competing in rodeos, raising animals, and getting lost in a good book. He's thrilled to join the Warren Warrior family and begin this exciting new chapter in his teaching career.

### **Stephanie Kasserman – ES 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**



Stephanie holds a master's degree in psychology from Marietta College, and a master's degree in teaching Elementary Education from Western Governors University (WGU).

Outside the classroom, she enjoys spending time with her 3 boys, hiking, kayaking, camping, doing yoga, and exploring nature. "I am eager to get to know the students and families at Warren Local Schools and look forward to a fantastic year ahead. My educational background, and several years of long-term substitute teaching grades K-4 has equipped me with a strong foundation to support the academic and social-emotional growth of my students. I am excited to join Warren Local Schools as the new 1st grade teacher! With a passion for education and a commitment to helping students succeed, I look forward to bringing enthusiasm and dedication to our school community."



### **Myranda Payne – ES Kindergarten**



Myranda is a 2021 graduate of Parkersburg High School and recently earned her degree in Elementary and Special Education from Marietta College. In her free time, she enjoys

walking her dog and spending time with friends and family. "I'm so excited to begin my teaching journey at such a wonderful school!"

### **Stacia Rhodes – ES Intervention Specialist**



Stacia Rhodes grew up as a globe-trotting military brat, moving from Maryland to Japan, Utah, Virginia, and finally

Belpre, Ohio, where she graduated from Warren High School in 1995. She earned her bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Lipscomb University and has lived in places like California, Maryland, and Texas with her husband, Michael. Along the way, she added a Residential Design diploma, a teaching certification, and is finishing her master's in Curriculum and Instruction at the American College of Education. Stacia has worked as a personal trainer, student mentor, stay-at-home mom, interior designer, and teacher of multiple grades and subjects. She finds her greatest joy in her faith and her family, and she treasures raising her children, Melanie and Vance, as well as spending time with her dignified dog, Winston James Rhodes "the first."

### **Millie Ryan – MS 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Math**



Millie is a 2025 graduate of Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. While at OU, she earned her degree in Middle Childhood Education

and competed on the Women's Track and Field team. A 2021 graduate of Warren High School, Millie is excited to return to her home district as a 7th-grade math teacher at Warren Middle School. In her free time, she enjoys golfing, walking, and spending time with friends and family. "I'm so thankful for the opportunity to return home and be a part of the Warren community in a new way. I can't wait to start this journey with my students."

**Mia Silva – MS 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Social Studies**



Mia graduated from Barberton High School in 2021. She attended Marietta College, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in History and obtained her teaching certificate through the Leadership Program in Integrated Social Studies. During her time at Marietta, she played volleyball

all four years and was proud to be part of the Pioneers' historic 2024-2025 season. In her free time, Mia enjoys reading, spending time outdoors, and playing with her dog. "I am so excited to begin my teaching journey at Warren Middle School. I've heard such wonderful things about the school and the staff, and I can't wait to be a part of this community!"



**Eloise Voytko – HS Math**

Eloise is a graduate of Muskingum University with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Economics. She is currently working on her master's degree in Teaching from Muskingum. Eloise enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and pets. In her free time she enjoys being outside, reading, and crafting. "I am looking forward to my

first year at Warren High School with an awesome math team!"

**Breanna Wallace – MS 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>**



**Social Studies**

Breanna graduated in May from Ohio University with a degree in social studies, grades 7-12. She is originally from Dayton, OH but recently moved to and fell in love with this area. Outside of work, Breanna enjoys reading, traveling, and baking. She is always looking for a good book or coffee recommendation. "I am looking forward to getting to know the students, staff, and community at Warren and contribute to a positive and collaborative environment. I am excited to join Warren Local Schools as a social studies teacher!"

We proudly welcome these new staff members to our Warrior Nation!



**Lori Lynn - Director of Curriculum and Instruction**

Lori Lynn is returning to Warren Local Schools as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

She is a proud graduate of Capital University and Muskingum University, where she earned her master's degree. She is a National Board Certified Teacher in Literacy and holds a CERI certification as a Structured Literacy/ Dyslexia Interventionist.

Lori began her teaching career in the Morgan Local School District before joining Warren Local in 2014. Most recently, she served as the Director of Literacy at the Ohio Valley Educational Service Center, working with districts across the region to support high-quality literacy instruction.

With a deep passion for student success and a strong foundation in evidence-based practices, Lori is excited to return home to Warren and continue serving students, educators, and families in this new role.



## Teachers

Keep an eye on our website for employment opportunities. To apply for a posted position at WLSD, please send notice of interest, resume, references, and a copy of teaching license to: [vicki.lowe@warrenlocal.org](mailto: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](mailto:terra.wittekind@ovesc.org) or call 740-373-6669, or visit their website at <https://www.ovesc.org/employees/employment-opportunities-2/>.

## Our Board of Education Members



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 WLSD are: Debbie Proctor – President; Bob Crum – Vice President; and members, Bob Allen, Stacey Greenup, and Jesse Roush. We are Warriors!



## 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.

### 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](mailto:melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org).



Please update Final Forms with any changes throughout the school year.

### FALL 2025 VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** All 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** All 7<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> dose was given prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)

Polio - 4 doses (Dose 4 only required if 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was given prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

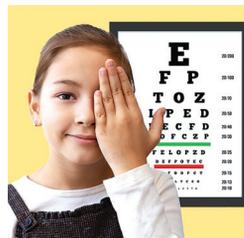
Documentation of these vaccines must be on record at Warren Elementary before the first day of school this fall.

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](mailto: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](mailto:melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org).



### Vision and Hearing Screenings

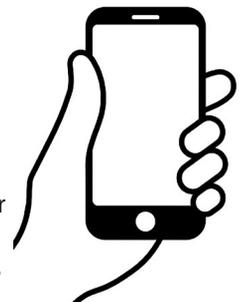


As required by Ohio law, vision and hearing screenings will be completed during the school year for all kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grade students. Screenings are also performed for all new students to the district, regardless of grade. If your student does not pass their screening,

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.



**FREE**  
  
**FOR ALL STUDENTS**  
**Free Breakfast/Lunch**  
**via CEP Continues**

We are excited to announce that Warren Local Schools will continue to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the school year 2025-2026. This program allows us to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students enrolled in our schools, regardless of individual household income.

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.

**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.

**Program Duration:** The CEP program will be in effect for the entire school year 2025-2026.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to ensure your child receives nutritious meals at school every day.

Contact Charlene Fronko, Food Service Supervisor, if you have any questions; 740-678-2366, ext. 3810.

## Always Learning

By Charlene Fronko

As the 2024–2025 school year drew to a close, our dedicated food service team took time to prepare for the year ahead. Ongoing professional development is essential to ensuring we continue to serve our students safely and effectively.

In early June, head cooks from each school building attended the Ohio School Nutrition Association's (SNA) annual conference in Columbus. This three-day event featured a wide range of breakout sessions, allowing participants to choose topics most relevant to their roles. Sessions covered everything from dietary restrictions/allergies to school nutrition budgeting, hydroponics, menu planning, stress management, and strategies for maintaining a positive work environ-



ment, making it a packed schedule full of valuable learning opportunities.

Additionally, many staff members participated in Fresh Perspectives: Local Food and Inspired Learning for School Food Service Staff, a one-day event held in Akron, Ohio. This training included sessions on food safety, team building, sanitation best practices, knife skills, and more. Attendees also had the opportunity to explore a food show and vendor fair.

We're excited to begin another fantastic school year here at Warren.

Welcome back, Warriors!

## à la carte

À la carte items are available daily alongside the standard lunch offerings, and all items meet school nutrition guidelines. Whether you're grabbing something extra or building

your lunch from scratch, the cafeteria has something for everyone. A full list of the à la carte items and prices can be found on the Lunchroom Menus tab on our website; [www.warrenlocal.org](http://www.warrenlocal.org). Accepted payment methods for à la carte items include: MySchoolBucks App, cash or check.

## Start your day the right way with a healthy breakfast!

Eating fruits, whole grains, and protein in the morning gives your brain and body the fuel they need to help

you think, learn, and play your best at school. So don't skip it; power up with a great breakfast!



**Transportation Office**  
**740-678-2368**



Let's work together to keep our kids safe!

*Alicia Jaramillo*



## It's not JUST a stop sign, it's a child's life.

### TransAct Parent Portal BusQuest

Please visit the **TransAct Parent Portal** link on our website (warren-local.org > transportation). TransAct Parent Portal is the place to:

- \*Make all your child's transportation requests and changes
- \*View your child's bus schedule

**BusQuest** is the bus tracking app to receive real-time tracking notifications. Links to the BusQuest App are provided on our website, and are also available on the App Store.



### 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.**



### Star Warriors Bus Riders Great job!

#### Bus Drivers Needed

School bus drivers are in great demand. We offer our own bus driver training program at no cost to you. Sub bus drivers gain valuable experience, giving them a jump-start when a vacancy occurs. For more information, call 740-678-2368.

## WARREN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOW HAS AN APP

**Edlio:** Warren Local School District is proud to announce the launch of the Warren Local School District website and app by Edlio which is now available to download on iOS™, Android™, and Windows™ devices.

The school app gives parents, students, faculty, and staff the ability to stay connected and informed about what's happening at Warren Local School District. Administrators can now easily distribute unified messages from the app for both emergency text alerts and day-to-day school communication.



**Warren Local School District App** is free and provides parents, students, and staff with immediate access to everything school-related including calendars, directions to events, contact information for teachers and administrators, important documents, cafeteria menus, and more. The school communication app will simplify communication from Warren Local School District, giving personalized information to users, right

from their phones when they need it.

It is very important that ALL parents/guardians receive school messages accurately. Please be sure that phone numbers and email addresses are update-to-date in Final Forms. If you are unsure how to receive school messages, please contact the school office.

**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 25-26 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](mailto:parentportal@warrenlocal.org). Students have access to the portal by signing in with their school email account.

**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](mailto:charlene.fronko@warrenlocal.org).

### NEW TRANSPORTATION APP

**BusQuest App** will allow you to track your child's bus in real time. First, you will need to sign into the **TransAct Parent Portal** with the email associated with your child's Final Forms account. After updating any information in the TransAct Parent Portal, use the same email to sign into BusQuest. Both links can be found under the Transportation tab at [www.warrenlocal.org](http://www.warrenlocal.org). You do not need any school codes or ID codes. If you have any questions, please contact the transportation department.

## 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!



I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! We are excited to continue building on the exceptional work our students and staff did last year along with making a few

innovative changes. Last year, our goal was 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.

As the school year went, we held true to this mission and continued researching ways to improve in those areas. Students were given more autonomy than ever in planning graduation, homecoming, prom, pep rallies, and more. Their voice was heard as students conducted surveys regarding school experience and culture. A team of middle and high school students even visited MIT to analyze their data and work with the best schools, educators, and researchers in the country to help make our district the best it can be.

One way we are expanding on student experience and culture is a schedule change with the purpose of providing Juniors and Seniors more opportunities to explore their career interests with hands-on experiences. Juniors and Seniors will have a specific plan they develop with their Guidance Counselor and/or Career Specialist. This

will be called Flex Friday. On Fridays of a full 5 day week, Juniors and Seniors will report to their chosen option with oversight from our Career Tech staff, Guidance, Career Specialist, and Administration. Some will be on-campus for a full or partial day; others will be off-campus for the entire day.

While our Juniors and Seniors are focusing on their career interests, our Freshmen and Sophomores will be going through their 4 core classes: ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies with smaller class sizes and a more individualized approach. They will also have 2 mini-electives on these days that are designed to positively impact school culture and student engagement. These can provide students with exposure to our Career Tech programs and other branches of core classes. Examples include: Jazz Studies, Woodworking, Video Editing, Spanish Art and Culture, PC Building, Mythbusters: Science, and School Newspaper. Others explore content and subjects that are driven by teacher and student interests such as: Cooking/Nutrition, Sports History, Yoga, Sports Photojournalism, Local Ghost Stories, Wilderness Survival, and Fishing.

Additionally, this year we will be hosting an **Open House** on August 13, 5:30-7pm. We will have a Freshmen Orientation in the Building 6 Auditorium at 5:30pm followed by a Flex Friday presentation for Junior and Senior students and parents at 6pm. If you have the time, please come see us!

**Student Arrival Details:** These will remain the same as last year. 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 7:22am, and 1st period will begin at 7:28am.

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! *Kyle Scott-Principal*

### New assistant principal at WHS



Darius Schaeffer is from Milan, Ohio and a graduate of Edison High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Bowling Green State University and Master's Degrees from Ashland

University. He is starting his 1st year here at Warren but 20th year in the field of education. Darius started his career at Port Clinton High School where he served as a high school mathematics teacher and served in various coaching positions. For the last 17 years, he has spent his time at Huron High School. Most of which was in the role of mathematics teacher and assistant boys basketball coach. The last 3 years he served as the school's assistant principal and head girls basketball coach. "I am excited to start a new adventure and join the Warrior family."



## NHS

By Tona Heft

Since our last newsletter, Warren High School's NHS chapter has continued to provide services to our community with the full participation of our new members. Notably, NHS members helped to set the tables and decorations for Warren's recent Academic Awards Banquet which took place to honor those students who have maintained academic excellence among their peers.

Under the direction of Missy Liston, the decorations were placed in time for the attendees and their families to have a wonderful night of recognition. NHS members also provided the delicious desserts for the evening and helped with the clean-up effort. Well over 200 people attended the event.

Former WHS principal, Dan Leffingwell, provided the keynote address followed by a staff-served catered dinner. Mr. Leffingwell conducted the presentation of certificates to: summa cum laude freshmen and sophomores (4.0 GPA); summa cum laude and magna cum laude juniors (3.75-4.0 GPA); and cum laude, magna cum laude and

summa cum laude seniors (3.5-4.0 GPA). Eight seniors were recognized for maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout their career at WHS: Madeline Best, Samantha Blaney, Joselyn Erb, Preston Nichols, Mason O'Donnell, Arilyn Peckens, Amanda Rauch, and Lillian Turner. Congratulations to all honorees!

In addition to helping set up for the Awards Banquet, NHS members have also continued with other services such as selling bracelets created by member Makayla Elder for Autism Awareness. This effort was spearheaded by our chapter's president Samantha Blaney, and a donation for \$332 was made to the Southeast Ohio Chapter of the National Autism Association.

A donation drive for the Humane Society was organized by Carly McHenry, who has also been an avid member of the environmental club. This club continues to work closely with NHS in our recycling program which has wrapped up for the end of the school year but will continue when school returns in fall. Members of NHS have continued to help tutor their fellow classmates through the final section of the school year.

In fundraising efforts, NHS members



staffed concessions at baseball games and attended the WMS Science Olympiad Dance and WES Father-Daughter Dance in order to sell bracelets. We appreciated the donations at each of these events so that we could, in turn, help to meet the financial needs of two local families experiencing loss.

NHS also partnered with Business Professionals of America (BPA) to recognize staff members during Teacher Appreciation week. Finally, many NHS members attended the annual Relay for Life in Civitan Park in order to raise money for those who are battling against cancer. It was a busy year, and we will certainly miss our seniors! We look forward to another eventful school year this fall!

## Standing on the Equator

On June 11, a group of Spanish students and some of their family members traveled to Ecuador with Señora Walters and her husband. The 17 members of

the group toured Quito and the Galapagos Islands. While there, they saw giant turtles, seals, and sea lions, even getting to swim and snorkel with some of the animals.

The group had the opportunity to learn about natural dying of alpaca wool and see looms and weavings.



They got to stand on both the northern and southern equator, as well. Everyone was offered the chance to eat typical food of the area, as well as to try some cuye ( guinea pig). It was quite an interesting and enjoyable experience for all.

## WHS Counselor's Corner

- \*\* Schedule release: August 11th
- \*\* FAFSA Opening Date for the 26-27 school year: October 1st
- \*\* Early Action College Application deadlines start as soon as Nov. 1st

\*\* Tests available this fall: PSAT, and Pre-ACT.  
 \*\* Check out the Guidance website for more information:  
[https://whs.warrenlocal.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=4429720&type=d&pREC\\_ID=2668422](https://whs.warrenlocal.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=4429720&type=d&pREC_ID=2668422).



## FFA NEWS

By Lexus Vandergrift - Warren FFA Reporter

We're 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 Supervised Ag Experience (SAE) projects, which included raising market livestock for the fair, tending to gardens, and gaining experience at various local businesses.

Our chapter also held an officer retreat to plan for the upcoming year and partnered with Hopewell Health Centers to host a Family Fun Day for the community.

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.



## Welcome back, STUDENTS!



Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We are excited to welcome our returning students and families as well as those who

are joining us for the first time in 5th grade.

The middle school staff is busy preparing classrooms and lessons to engage our students with challenging learning experiences. Warren Middle believes in creating a learning environment that is safe and empowering. Our goal is to help every student build confidence, strong skills and develop their Portrait of a Warrior traits in becoming responsible citizens. We look forward to partnering with you to make this school year a great success for our students. Communication between home and school is key. We encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns.

## REMINDER

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.

## Did You Know?

Ohio HB 96, prohibits the use of cellphones by students during the instructional day. 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.

### Student Drop Off

Students should not be dropped at WMS prior to 7:00 AM. Students dropped off by parents will enter school and sit in the cafeteria until the 7:20 bell. All students wanting breakfast can go through the breakfast line 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 part of the Warren Middle School family. Let's make it a great year!

*Brent Taylor* - WMS Principal

## WMS OPEN HOUSE August 13th

**6th and 8th grades  
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

**5th and 7th grades  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

# Back to School



## Middle School Music News

By Lori Flesher

The Warren Middle School music program was busy back in March for Music in Our Schools month (MIOSM). Our seventh and eighth grade chorus presented the musical, "Summer Camp", a musical about finding a place to belong. Fifth through eighth grade band students performed their spring concert just a couple days later. Seventh and eighth grade handbell students wrapped up MIOSM with a variety of songs including hymns, a march, folk music, and songs accompanied by flute and percussion instruments.



In April, three students performed at the District 9 Junior High Solo and Ensemble event in Zanesville, OH. Brooklyn Garrett performed "Red

Canyons" on trombone. Lyla Nuzum sang alto on "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel" and Abigayle Merrill sang soprano on "She's Like the Swallow." Each received a 1 (superior). Way to go! There was also a Jazz Band performance at the end of the month.

Finally, thirteen students had the opportunity to perform with the high school in the production of "Seussical." It was a lot of work but finished with three outstanding performances. Well done, Warriors!



## Mural Project

The mural project was a (almost) year long, special collaboration between Mr. Secreto's eighth grade Advanced Art Class and BB2C (Building Bridges to Careers). This class was honored to have the opportunity of hosting our Superintendent to discuss what "Life After Warren" means, and how that would be visually interpreted via a mural. The team planned ahead of time to make the mural portable for maximum exposure, for example, at sporting events and so on.

Along the way, students learned the process involved in tackling such a big project, including a visit by a local,



professional muralist, and by doing their own research. Once a theme was agreed upon, students created what can be seen below; the opportunities for Warren's student body to grow successfully at home, or beyond.



## Archery

The 2024-2025 archery program's regular season finished up on May 15<sup>th</sup> with our annual banquet. This has been the best year for the HS team since archery started in 2016 at Warren. At nationals, if you just look at the OHIO schools that participated, Warren was third for Ohio schools competing. We are setting our sites on a higher finish at state next year.

For the first time, our high school and middle school teams attended the Championship tournament on June 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> in Myrtle Beach, SC. In the past, only a few individuals attended. but with HS finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in our conference of 11-12 schools and doing well at state with a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at both 3D and Bullseye tournament, we thought it was a good idea to see if we could get enough to go as a team.





— 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 2025-2026 school year. Please welcome Kindergarten Teacher, Ms. Payne, Intervention Specialist, Mrs. Armbruster, and Intervention Specialist, Mrs. Rhodes. We are confident they will bring fresh perspectives and enrich the educational experience for our students. Additionally, we are excited to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Lori Ludwig, to our Warrior team. Mrs. Ludwig brings a wealth of experience and dedication to our school community.

Homeroom class lists were posted on Friday, August 8th. 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 to see your child's assigned class.



## Open House Thursday, August 14th

Open House will be hosted on Thursday, August 14th, for grades 1-4. Open House is 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.

The schedule is as follows:

### Second and Fourth Grades 5:00 PM-6:00 PM

\*\* Fourth grade Open House will be split based upon the students last names to follow student schedules.

Fourth grade students with last names A-L will be from 5:00-5:30

Fourth grade students with last names M- Z will be from 5:30-6:00

### First and Third Grades 6:00-7:00 PM

### Kindergarten Students

\*\*For our kindergarten students, Open House time will be scheduled during their staggered start dates on August 19th and August 20th, beginning at 10:30 am.

## REMINDERS

- 8:45 am - Parent Drop-off begins in the back parking lot
- 8:55 am - Bus students begin to enter the building
- 9:05 am - Class Begins
- 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 pick-up tag will be issued for you and your student. You may also call the school office to get your pick-up tag.

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. See you soon, Warriors!

**“Warriors are Responsible,  
 Respectful and Safe”**

Best regards,

*Ashley Skinner* - Principal



## Hands-On Learning

By Kristin Kidd

May 2025 - During our third grade field trip to The Kennedy Museum of Art, students were given the opportu-



nity to learn about and explore conservation and environmental topics. Students were able to sift through leaves and other organic material to find bugs. They were also able to investigate water pollution, clarity, and temperature in a local creek.



Warren Elementary Physical Education classes wrapped up the school year with our annual School's Out Stampedo; a race with a slushie prize for everyone! The Top 10 boys and girls of each class were also given a certificate. Our two fourth grade first-place finishers received a golden shoe!

We hope all of our students have been playing hard over the summer and we can't wait to see you at school!

~ Mrs. Daughety & Mrs. Yabs

## Outdoor Learning

By Debra Adams

In May, first grade classes participated in a variety of outdoor learning activities. As part of their springtime tradition, they took a field trip to Stacy Family Farm, where they explored local agriculture, learned about honeybees, and picked their own strawberries to take home. The visit also included a wagon ride and a lesson on the farm's history.



Touch the Tractor allowed students to rotate through various stations where they received presentations from local volunteers and Warren High School students. These presentations included learning about different types of tractors and their specific uses, touring a fire truck and ambulance, and exploring a petting zoo to learn about a variety of animals.

Our young Warriors also attended a presentation by Master Gardeners from around the area, where they learned how to plant and care for flowers and crops. Each student had the opportunity to plant their own marigold seeds and later observe the flowers' growth in the classroom.



# Fun Learning



Mrs. Cole's 2nd grade class had an exciting visit to Mr. Evans' high school graphic arts class, where students explored digital art tools, watched older students create designs, and even tried their hand at simple projects. The visit inspired creativity and gave the younger students a fun glimpse into the world of graphic design.



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As we begin the 2025-2026 school year, we want to take a moment to highlight one of the most critical factors in student success: consistent school attendance

Attending school every day, on time, builds the foundation for academic achievement, positive habits, and lasting relationships. Research shows that students who attend school regularly are more likely to stay on track, perform better in their classes, and graduate on time.

### Here's why attendance matters:

\* Regular attendance helps students master reading, math, and other

foundational skills.

\* Students benefit socially and emotionally from daily interactions with teachers and peers.

\* Chronic absenteeism (missing 10% or more of school days) can significantly impact a student's chances of graduating on time and reaching their full potential.

This year, our goal is to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed and that starts with being present.

### Here's how you can help:

\* Encourage daily attendance, unless your child is ill or there is a family emergency

\* Schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible

\* Communicate with the school if there are challenges that may affect attendance

We are here to support every student and family. If you ever need

assistance or have questions about attendance policies or expectations, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Let's make this school year one of growth, success, and strong attendance, starting from day one!

*Cathy Neehouse*

Warren Attendance Officer

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

### 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)

## WHS Baseball Field wins Division II/III Field of the Year

The Southeast District Baseball coaches selected the Warren High School Baseball Field for its annual "Field of the Year for Division II/III" for 2025. This is Warren's first such recognition for its baseball facility, and Coach Chad Porter and Senior Jacob Sealey accepted the award at the Annual District All-Star Game.

Over the past year, the stadium has seen the installation of a Daktronics 10 inning scoreboard, sponsored by The Citizens Bank Company, new fencing and custom windscreen, improvements to the bullpens, and extensive

care for the natural grass surface and dirt areas. Coach Porter and Nathan Evans are to be commended for their collective efforts in the care of the facility and for our field being chosen as the District's finest.

Pictured: Coach Porter



## GRANT

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Certified Production Technicians. Our students will spend class time being taught the skills required to be a Certified Production Technician. Upon completion of the course, they will have the opportunity to sit for the official certification exams. These certified students will be able to leave campus with fully employable skills, ready for the workforce, if they so choose.

Warren High School has gained this program largely due to the skills and expertise of Mr. Chris Carpenter, Industrial Technology teacher. We appreciate all he brings to campus!

Looking for up-to-date Warren Local School District news and information?

Check out our **NEW** website:

[www.warrenlocal.org](http://www.warrenlocal.org)



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual WOW Awards

By Steve Harold

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual “WOW” Awards (Warren Outstanding Warrior Awards) were held on Tuesday, May 20, at the Porterfield Baptist Church. The Awards Show honored the best of Warren Athletics for 2024-25, with the presentation of 23 awards to various athletes, coaches, teams, fans, and community members in a production similar to the ESPN ESPYs.

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) Carl Perry was honored with the “Hometown Hero” award for his service with the United States Army in Vietnam.

SP4 Perry was a 4-sport letterman at Warren High School.

Following the Awards show, the “After Party” was held, offering food, drinks, ice cream, photos, and fellowship.

Award Winners, presented by alumni of the WHS sports program, included:

Top Team GPA – **Girls Cross Country**; Senior Scholar Athlete – Male – **Tyler Frye**; Senior Scholar Athlete – Female – **Lilli Turner**; Play of the Year – **Mason Francis swims to D2 State Record in 100 Free**; Moment of the Year – **Mason Francis REPEATS as two-event State Champ**; Fan of the Year – **Phil Welch**; Makin’ A Difference Volunteer of the Year – **Missy Liston**; Breakthrough Performance Award – **Madyson Long**; Strive for Excellence Award – **Mason Francis**; Courage Award – **Phineas McDole**; Team of the Year – **Volleyball**; Coach of the Year – **Ann Skufca**; Freshman Athlete of the Year-Female – **Emma Gorrell**; Freshman Athlete of the Year – Male – **Braylen Murray**; Sophomore; Athlete of the Year-Female – **Ashlee Pate**;

Sophomore Athlete of the Year – Male – **Tate Jonas**; Junior; Athlete of the Year-Female – **Sydney Starcher**; Junior Athlete of the Year – Male – **Eric Carr**; Senior; Athlete of the Year-Female – **Mackenzie James-McGuire**; Senior Athlete of the Year – Male – **Mason Francis**; Woody Hayes Team of Excellence – **Girls Wrestling**; Buckeye Excellence in Leadership Award – **Sarah Pettey**; Warren Outstanding Warrior Award – **Mason Francis**.

The Title sponsor of the 2025 WOW Awards was the Ohio Army National Guard. Other Sponsors of the event included: Warren Athletic Boosters, Porterfield Baptist Church, Lighthouse Baptist Church, McDonald’s of Belpre, Premier Productions Entertainment, WHS Designs, Antonio’s, Hickory Grove, Kroger of Belpre, Little Caesars Pizza of Belpre, Wendy’s, The Village Cakery, Velvet Ice Cream, and various contributors from Warrior Nation.



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**Warren Local School District Athletics  
 2025-2026 Admission Prices**

**Warren Sports Tickets**

Type	Student Admission	Adult Admission	Reserved Chair Back	Senior Citizen
Varsity – Football & Boys/Girls Basketball	\$5	\$7	\$10	\$5
Varsity – All Other Sports*	\$5	\$7		\$5
Junior Varsity	\$5	\$6		\$5
Freshman	\$5	\$6		\$5
Junior High	\$5	\$6		\$5

\* **Fall:** Soccer, Volleyball; **Winter:** Wrestling; **Spring:** Baseball, Softball, Track & Field



**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 ....**



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..... 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>