



# WELLINGTON

EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 27 - 29 Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 2: School resumes

Dec. 3: BOE meeting work session @ Westwood

Dec. 5 & 6: "It's a Wonderful Life" a live radio play 7 p.m. @ Lindley

Dec. 6: Cookies with Santa 5 p.m. WW

Dec. 7: "It's a Wonderful Life" 3 p.m.

Dec. 9 - 13 Santa Shop WW

Dec. 10 - MMS/WHs Bands Holiday Concert grades 6 - 12, 7:00 @ Lindley

Dec. 12 - MMS/WHs Choirs Holiday Concert grades 6 - 12, 7:00 @ Lindley

Dec. 16: Auditions for WHS & community for "Heathers the musical" 4 - 7 p.m. @ Lindley

Dec. 17: BOE business meeting @ Lindley

Dec. 23 - Jan. 3: Winter Break

Jan. 6: School resumes

## FINDING YOUR STRENGTHS

### LETTER FROM DR. PELTZ, SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Wellington Families,

School can and should be challenging sometimes, but we try to ensure it is not overwhelming. As educators, we try to find a delicate balance. People learn through experiencing new things, trying different skills, and trial and error, but if they continuously feel like they are failing, frustration and a negative self-image set in. Inversely, when people find success in completing a difficult task, a strong sense of pride and accomplishment is found.

People gravitate towards activities in which they have an inherent skill set and avoid those that expose their perceived weaknesses. Students do not always have the option of avoiding classes that they struggle in. Kids do not inherently "hate math" or any other subject, but they dislike the feelings they get if they always struggle to answer complex problems.

Past teaching practices were to focus additional time on classes and skills that kids were not being successful in. Inevitably, this only created more opportunities to feel failure and increased a negative attitude towards school. To change how kids think about school, we need to focus on building the skills and attributes they are strong in to reinforce areas they are not.

This year, we are participating in the Ohio Strengths Collaborative (OSC).  
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# LETTER FROM DR. PELTZ, SUPERINTENDENT

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One of our first activities as a new administration team was to complete the Clifton StrengthsFinders assessment. This assessment aims to identify each team member's strengths and help them understand how they can use these strengths to improve our team's overall effectiveness.

The idea is that not everyone can be excellent at everything, but everyone is great at something.

If you focus on using your strengths and not forcing work through areas of lesser strength, your frustration level will remain low, and productivity will increase.

For example, one of my strengths is Futuristic thinking, but others are more defined in the area of Focus. For me, big-picture thinking is easy, and planning details is labor-intensive. Thankfully, I found a career that allowed me to build on what I feel I am good at instead of where I struggle.

One of our teachers, Rob Howells, is taking this message to his students at the high school. Through the Ohio Strengths Collaborative, he is having his students take the assessment to better understand their top five strengths and discover which career paths best fit their skills and personalities.

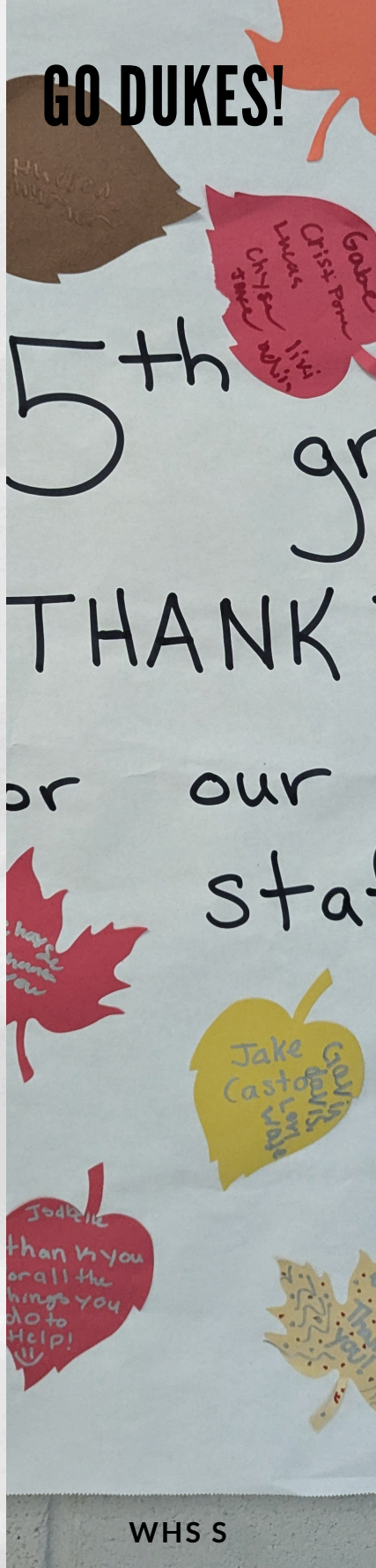
If we can help our students better know themselves and embrace their aptitudes, then they can use those strengths to persevere through any challenges they face both in school and outside of school.


Wellington is trying to change how our kids see themselves and shift their thinking positively. If kids feel good about themselves, they can also feel good about school. We want to unlock our students' highest potential, and focusing on strengths is a pathway to it.

I look forward to expanding this program soon and cannot wait to see it continue to transform our school, students, and staff. I am thankful for our outstanding students, families and staff at Wellington and wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peltz



 **STRENGTH = SUCCESS !!**



# DR. KUBASAK'S CURRICULUM CORNER



## What is Exact Path and how does it help students?

Edmentum Exact Path is an online learning program designed to provide personalized instruction and practice in reading, math, and language arts for K–12 students. It combines adaptive assessments with individualized learning paths to meet each student at their skill level and help them progress at their own pace.



### What Does Exact Path Do?

#### 1. **Personalized Learning:**

- Your child starts with a short test to figure out what they already know and where they need extra support.
- The program creates a custom learning plan with lessons and activities tailored just for them that align to Ohio's Learning Standards.

#### 2. **Practice and Growth:**

- The interactive and engaging lessons give kids a fun way to build skills.
- It helps your child strengthen areas where they may struggle and challenges them where they excel.

#### 3. **Progress Tracking:**

- Teachers and parents can see reports on how their children are doing, where they're improving, and what areas they excel beyond grade-level expectations.
- This makes it easier to celebrate successes and address any areas needing extra help.

#### 4. **Fun and Motivation:**

- To keep kids engaged, the program includes rewards like badges and games as they reach milestones.

#### 5. **Flexibility:**

- It works for all kinds of learners and can be accessed anywhere—at school or at home—making it great for busy families.





# TREASURER'S OFFICE UPDATE

## A MESSAGE FROM MR. BAILEY

The beginning of the school year has flown by for me. I have had the opportunity to meet with a number of amazing Wellington staff and community members and look forward to opportunities to meet more people.

I find great joy in working in a building with our Wellington students. Seeing their smiling faces is a great reminder why we do what we do for Wellington schools.

Many of the large outdoor maintenance projects have been wrapped up as we are preparing for the cold Ohio weather. We recently had a large storage building delivered to the Duke football/track stadium to keep all of the track equipment out of the weather when not in season. This should help prolong the life of the equipment.

We have been busy working on the GAAP audit, the state audit, and the transportation reporting among the other daily tasks in the treasurer's office. The five-year forecast for November has been completed and was board approved on November 19, 2024.

The first half of the school year is a very busy time for the treasurer's office as it is for the rest of the district. I hope everyone has an opportunity to enjoy and spend time with family and friends over the upcoming holiday season.

-Pete Bailey



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# PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

The WHS Drama Club put on a new fundraising event this year: A Broadway Fashion Show!

Here are some highlights from the fun, fundraising night!





WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA  
CLUB & COMMUNITY THEATER  
PROUDLY PRESENT

# It's a Wonderful Life

*A live radio play*



DECEMBER 5 & 6 AT 7:00PM

DECEMBER 7 AT 3:00PM

DOORS OPEN 30-MINUTES PRIOR TO CURTAIN

TICKETS \$6/\$11, CASH/CHECKS

PATRICIA LINDLEY CENTER FOR THE  
PERFORMING ARTS

627 NORTH MAIN STREET, WELLINGTON, OH 44090



# AUDITIONS



**December 16, 4-7:00pm**

**Patricia Lindley Center for the Performing Arts**

**We are seeking high school teens and adults to fill out the cast for this new musical! Auditions consist of a memorized monologue and singing a song of choice from the show.**

**Registration is required for auditions.**



[Heathers Audition Registration](#)





*Kiwanis Builders Club*



**Proudly Presents**

# **Talent Show**

**Thursday, January 16**  
**6 pm**

**Patricia Lindley Center**

627 N. MAIN STREET, WELLINGTON, OH 44090

**TIME TO SHINE LIKE A STAR**

***Students***  
***Grades 4-12***  
***may participate***

**Cost**  
**\$5 Adults**  
**\$3 Students**

***Sign-up papers***  
***are located***  
***in the main office***

***FREE Children 4 & younger***  
***Cash Only***

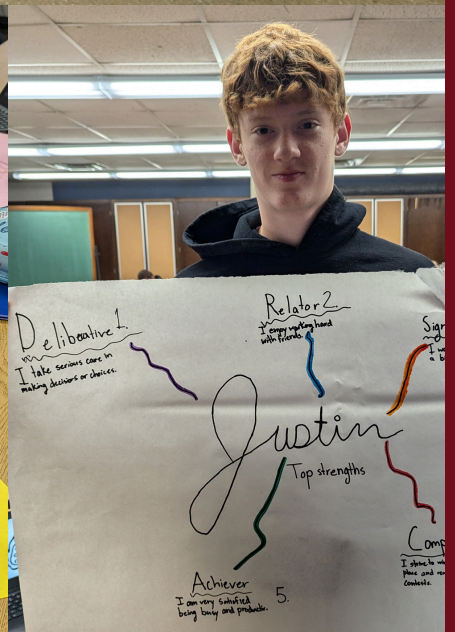
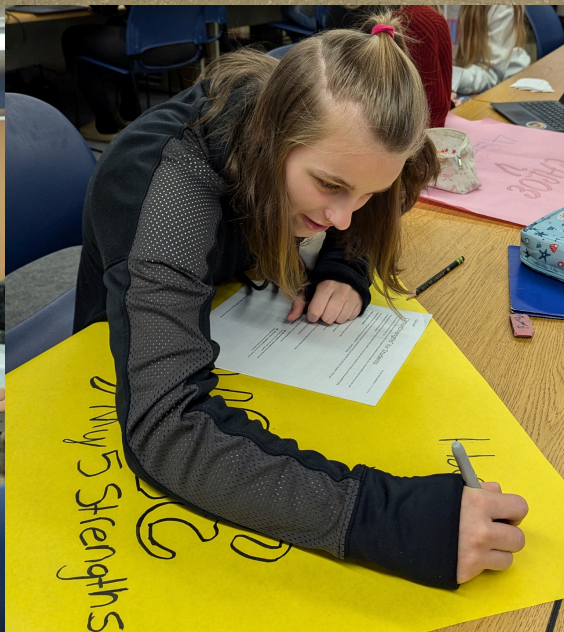
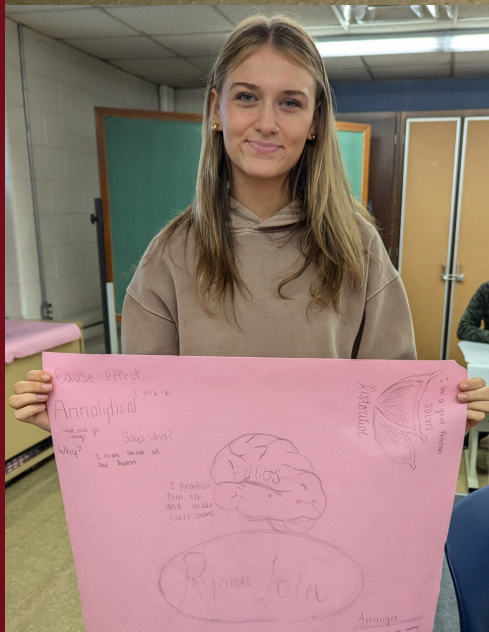
**Showcase your skills and talents**



# LEARNING AROUND OUR DISTRICT

WHS students discover their strengths in Mr. Howell's business skills and leadership class. They took the CliftonStrengths for students test.

*Great work!*



*Discover and develop your strengths and reach your potential!*



# WHS FIRST NINE WEEKS

## HIGH HONOR, HONOR & MERIT ROLL

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*Way to go!*

### FRESHMEN

1st Nine Weeks  
2024-2025

#### HIGH HONOR

4.00 or Higher

Barnes, Kendall  
Buck, Emma  
Cadman, Brayden  
Deidrick, Ryann  
Gott, Hannah  
Lawson, Emma  
McMillion, Madison  
Palmer, Colton  
Rourke, Remington  
Stump, Camryn  
Sumpter, Thomas  
Sword, Nicholas  
Varner, Taylor

#### HONOR

3.50 - 3.99

Mills, Alexandria  
Rhodes, Chloe  
Selzer, Leighla  
Simmons, Abigail  
Soboslai, Christian  
Veres, Chloe  
Wirth, LaKota

#### MERIT

3.00 - 3.49

Foster, Koty  
Gallion, Shelby  
Parsons, Dylan  
Porrelli, Gracie  
Roush, Andrew  
Seabold, Carter  
Senghas, Avery  
Smith, Olivia  
Standen, Taylor  
Wilson, Tanner

### SOPHOMORES

1st Nine Weeks  
2024-2025

#### HIGH HONOR

4.00 or Higher

Blodgett, Abigail  
Bowman, Arly  
DeLima, Elijah  
Denes, Morgan  
Fox, Michael  
Fullen, Collin  
Hill, Esther  
Hook, Max  
Jerousek, Mackenzie  
Krosse, Courtney  
Langdon-Horner, Ana  
Leiby, Reece  
Lemke, Robert  
Lyon, Sophia  
Mohrman, Douglas  
Murner, Blake  
Overstreet, Amelia  
Sasack, Finley  
Stannard, Katherine

#### HONOR

3.50 - 3.99

Beall, Landon  
Gerding, Kyle  
Norton, Wyatt  
Pickering, Kalyne  
Smith, Brooke  
Woody, Tyler

#### MERIT

3.00 - 3.49

Adkins, Emma  
Bockmore, Daisy  
Burns, Tyler  
Johnson, Laila  
Lehmkuhl, Bryce  
Moore, Brendon  
Robinette, Adelina  
Rudd, McKenzie  
Sabin, Trayce  
Sohl, Illona



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## HIGH HONOR, HONOR & MERIT ROLL

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### JUNIORS

1st Nine Weeks

2024-2025

#### HIGH HONOR

4.00 or Higher

Beck, Sophia  
Dickason, Kathryn  
Donahue, Jayden  
Gallion, Alexa  
Gereke, Nathan  
Gott, Alison  
Kohlenberg, Skylar  
McConnell, Addison  
Mellick, Landon  
Minutello, Madison  
Morris, Camryn  
Mull, Lillian  
Regal, Brooklyn  
Rucker, Diego  
Schmucker, Wilson  
Teague, Peyton  
Vannatter, Lauren  
West, Colson  
Wright, Kierstyn

#### HONOR

3.50 - 3.99

Allen, Olivia  
Jones, Serenity  
Kidd, Amanda  
Miller, Jacob  
O'Keefe, Dylan  
Owens, Julien  
Roessler, Ashton  
Scott, Samantha  
Somoza Del Castillo, Jorge  
Wirth, Deakan

#### MERIT

3.00 - 3.49

Cottrill, Justin  
Goulbourne, Jurnee  
Greer, Amarianna  
Knox, Liam  
Leonardi, Shawn  
Wacker, Gaven

### SENIORS

1st Nine Weeks

2024-2025

#### HIGH HONOR

4.00 or Higher

Adkins, Haley  
Covington, Carlee  
DeLima, Ayla  
Denger, Drew  
Elkin, Cole  
Fleming, Harper  
Fox, Joseph  
Jerore, Kadynce  
Knapp, Grace  
Kroll, Kylie  
Lehmkuhl, Brooke  
Lisa, Tomas  
Ramirez, Olivia  
Robinette, Eva  
Roush, Lucille  
Stump, Jonah  
Youssef, Sophiah

#### HONOR

3.50 - 3.99

Elkin, Corin  
Manni, Alessandro  
Perez, Brandon  
Skierski, Scott

#### MERIT

3.00 - 3.49

Adkins, James  
Barnes, Robert  
Brasee, Spencer  
Cuson, Logan  
Harmon, Payton  
Hill, Kitiara  
Jackson, Jaiden  
Stahl, McKenna  
Sutton, Trinity



# JVS FIRST NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL

*Way to go!*



## HONOR ROLL

Wellington	Bias, Addison	CE A
Wellington	Borzy, Danica	AHS IIB
Wellington	Buga, Matthew	EDT II
Wellington	Clark, Noah	CTT II
Wellington	Click, Jordin	WGD I
Wellington	DeRodes, Ashlyn	CRL R
Wellington	Dininger, Veronica	AHS IIA
Wellington	Dudziak, Bruce	DMA I
Wellington	Frenk, Alexander	HAC I
Wellington	Glavich, Nathan	CTT II
Wellington	Gonzalez, Elijah	MT II
Wellington	Harris, Jackson	CR II
Wellington	Karkoff, Briella	ECE I
Wellington	Kehl, Grant	IE II
Wellington	Kehl, Zachary	CRL M
Wellington	Kinter, John	AT II
Wellington	Kroll, Kassie	COS IIB
Wellington	Krosse, Nathan	IE II
Wellington	Lake, Conner	CRL S
Wellington	Leiby, Aylah	COS IB
Wellington	McBroom, Connor	CRL R
Wellington	McCann, Braedon	CE W
Wellington	Mohler, William	CSN II
Wellington	Mohrman, Matthew	IE I
Wellington	Moore, Trey	WF I
Wellington	Patton, Tara	WF I
Wellington	Pugh, Charleen	CRL S
Wellington	Reyna, Dominic	AT I
Wellington	Schalla, Sabastian	CE E
Wellington	Scyoc, Corwin	CSN II
Wellington	Sheppard, Connor	WF II
Wellington	Simko, Alisia	CE G
Wellington	Siwinski, Christina	PL S
Wellington	Smith, Jaelynn	CRL G
Wellington	Smith, Shiloh	COS IB
Wellington	Sparks, Alexander	CR II
Wellington	Sumpter, Bryce	AT II
Wellington	Sutherland, Austin	IE II
Wellington	Sword, Luke	CRL R
Wellington	Sword, Nathan	AEM III
Wellington	Tripp, Braison	IE I
Wellington	Turner, Baron	HAC II
Wellington	Vance, Olivia	CE O
Wellington	Werner, Spencer	AT II
Wellington	Wright, Landon	IE II
Wellington	Zheng, Michelle	IE I

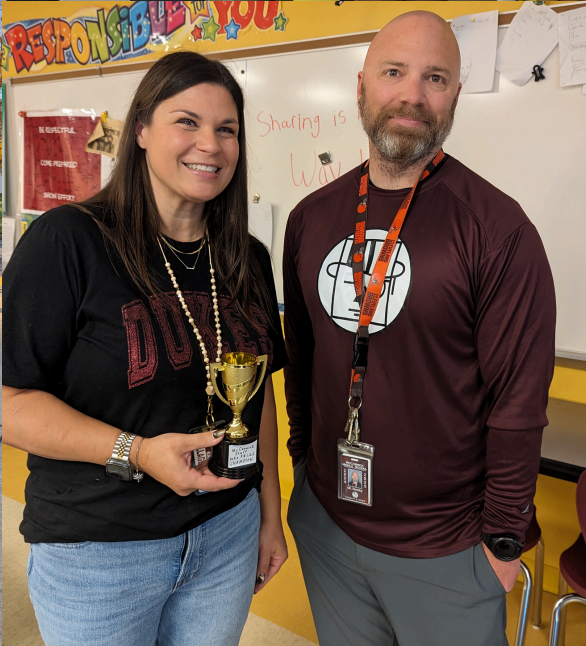
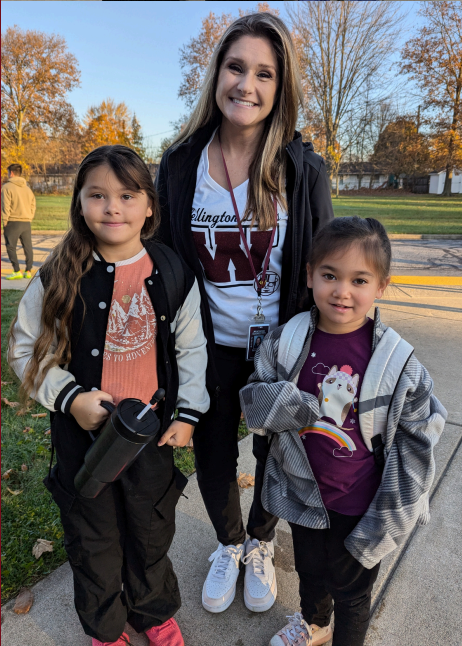


# DUKES ON THE MOVE!



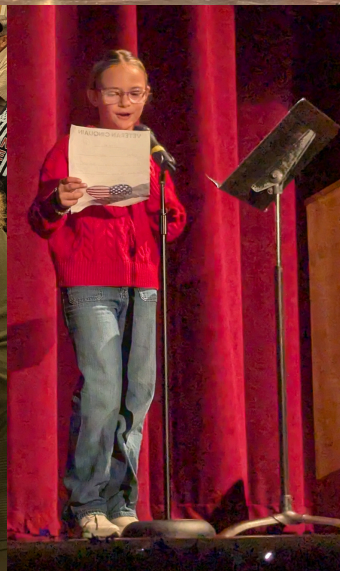
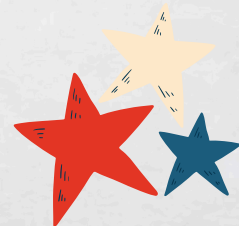


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# HONORING VETERANS





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## VETERANS DAY HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



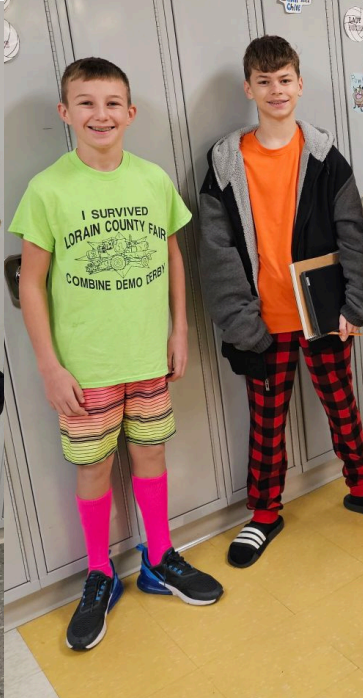


# RED RIBBON SPIRIT WEEK @ WESTWOOD





# RED RIBBON SPIRIT WEEK @ MCCORMICK





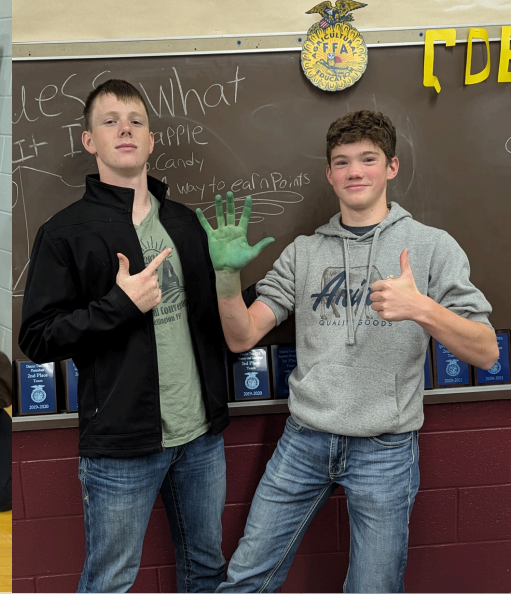


# FFA GREENHANDS

Congratulations to our Greenhand FFA students!

It is awarded to ninth grade or older members who learn about the FFA history, mission, creed and emblem and make plans for an SAE project.

## Greenhand Ceremony



**Congrats to:** David Beekman, Emma Buck, Anastasia Cochran, Ryann Lola Deidrick, Ashlyn DeRodes, Ethan Feliciano, Koty Foster, Shelby Gallion, Hannah Gott, Zachary Kehl, Landon Kerr, Annaliese Kinter, Emma Lawson, Aaron Mihocik, Chaise Milks, Gracie Porrelli, Chloe Rhodes, Avery Senghas, Ian Sipos Sutton, Tyler Sweeney, Luke Sword, Nicholas Sword, Lucas Veres, Caedyn Wacker, Ava Waldrop, Peyton West, Tanner Wilson & Ari Wreyford.



# FFA NEWS



## McCormick FFA News



## WAY TO GO!

Congratulations to our Novice Parliamentary team for competing in the Sub-District contest!

These students have come very far in the past four weeks & Miss Schmitz is proud of this talented group.

## Career Development Event News



## GOOD LUCK!

Congratulations to our Ag Technology & Mechanical Systems team of Nick Sword, Wyatt Norton, Max Hook, and Tyler Burns!

Currently in second place in the state & individually, Nick is in first place.

Good luck as they compete in the state finals on December 5.



## CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

## Cross Country

**By: Athletic Director Mr. Bowman**

Going into the last high school cross country race of his career, WHS Senior Joe Fox had built an incredible resume in the sport.

He was the conference meet champion. He was the school's only male runner to make it to state multiple years in cross country. He broke the school record for most appearances in OHSAA state tournaments across all sports.

He was arguably the most decorated runner in school history. But Joe wasn't satisfied with that. He had more goals to achieve for himself.



**WHS Senior Joe Fox with Head Coach Jeff Hook**

On Saturday, November 2nd, Joe competed at the Division 3 boys state race at Fortress Obetz. Joe finished 51st as a junior with a time of 16:52 and 45th as a sophomore with a time of 17:01 in his previous races at state. At the 2 mile mark Joe had slid back to 30th and spectators were worried that he was going to not be able to make a run at the finish line.

The state race is quite a spectacle with multiple passes occurring in front of a large grandstand. Nothing is better than the finish. The runners appear in a frenzy from behind the grandstands as they turn the corner for the final 100 yards of the race. The state champ appeared first, setting a blistering time that ended up being a state record.

Everyone counted the runners after they appeared trying to keep track of the placings. And just then he appeared as if he had been shot out of a cannon. On a dead sprint Joe made his way towards the finish line. The other runners seemed to be in slow motion as Joe passed them by on the home stretch. Joe passed 1,2,3,4 other runners on his way to the finish.

Joe finished an outstanding 27th overall. That was almost 20 positions higher than his previous best at state. His time was 16:09. That was about 30 seconds faster than his personal best on any course. The top 30 finish earned him All Ohio honors. His fast time also crushed a school record that was previously held by his coach Jeff Hook. In his final race of his career Joe gave everything he had and managed to earn more accomplishments for his resume. **Congratulations!**

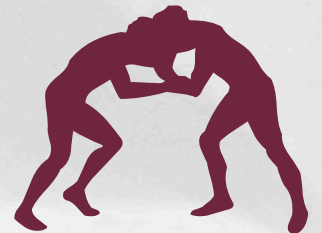


## WINTER 2024/2025 TEAMS

## Junior High Girls Basketball

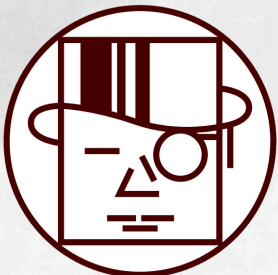


## WRESTLING & BOWLING NEWS



The bowling team is led by head coach Tim Rolfe. Varsity matches have begun for both the boys and girls teams.

The wrestling team is led by head coach Bill Watters. The wrestlers will begin competing in December. Both team pictures will be available in January, stay tuned!



Watch future newsletters for our McCormick boys basketball team photos!

Good luck this season, Dukes!





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## Girls Basketball





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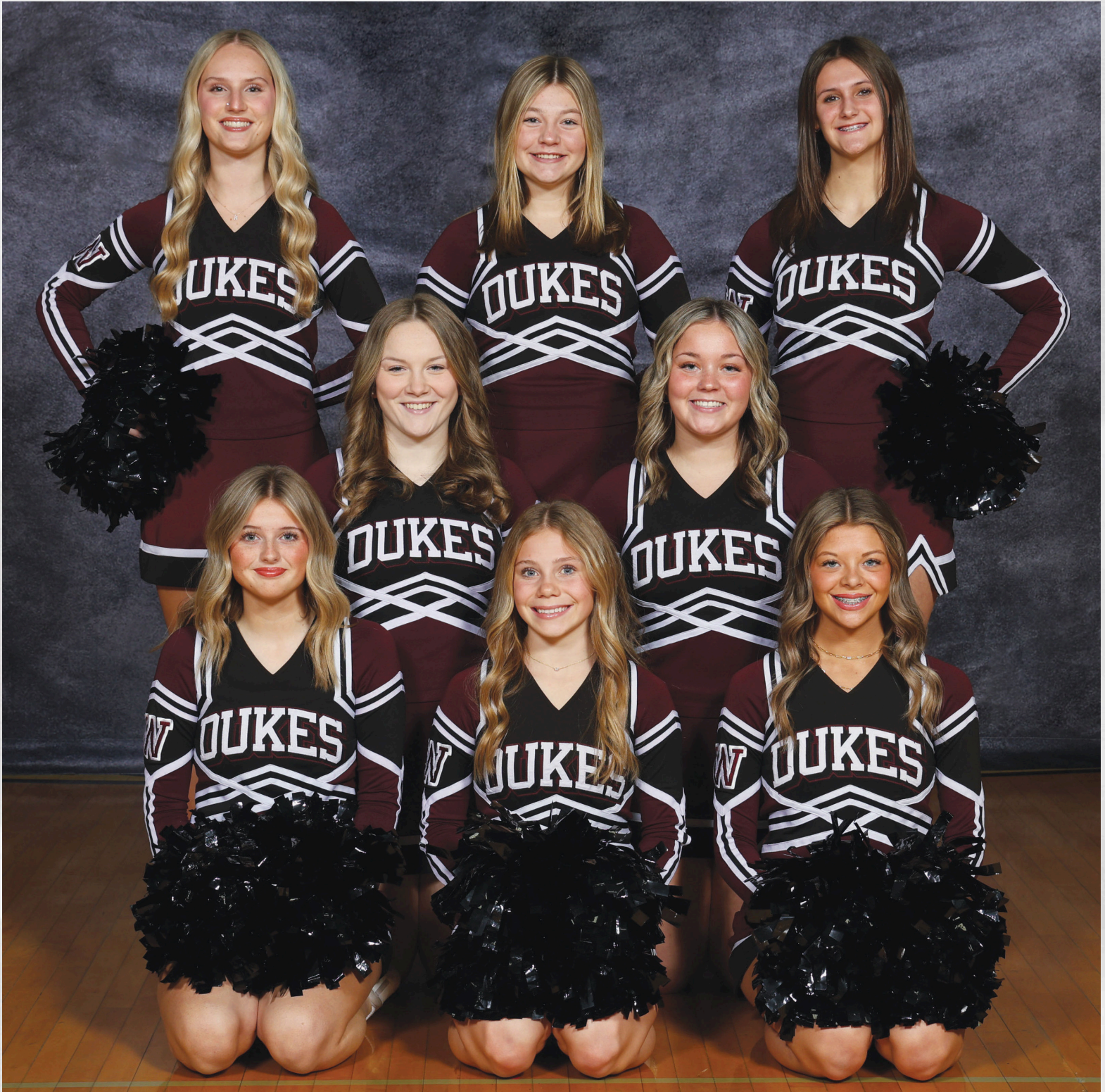
# Boys Basketball





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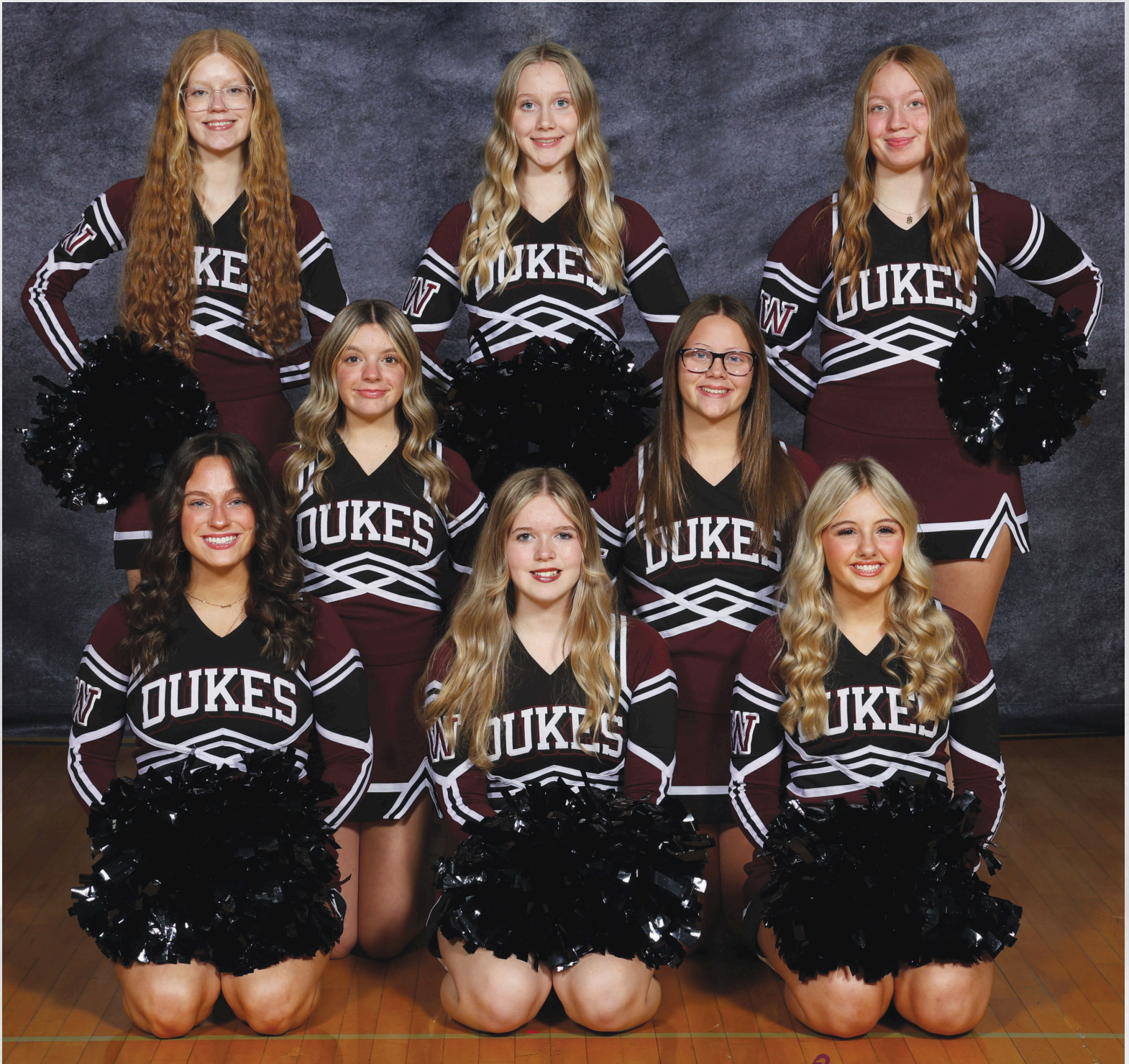
## Cheerleaders





# WINTER 2024/2025 TEAMS

## Cheerleaders



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winter, Dukes!