

Changes in Chem

This year we have a new way of learning chemistry. At the moment we do not have a physical chemistry teacher so this year we are learning chemistry online on a site called elevate k-12. We started our lessons on the website on the 26th. It will definitely take some getting used to but we are definitely taking a big step into the future. The class may have taken a big change but it is definitely worth it. How our lessons work is we get on Elevate, we get on the class chat and we go over our lesson and then we go and do our homework. When we log in to our chat we answer our bellwork which is usually just a random question of the day like what your favorite restaurant is etc. So far this year chem is going fine i can only hope it just keeps getting better.

Kendall Graham

Cross Country

The Cross Country team is here for another year, coming back from a season where they had two runners make it to sectionals, Izzy Wellenreiter and Zac Howard. This being their second season, we are expecting good things from the returning runners. Their coach Tyler Devlin, also coaches the West Central track team. On Wednesday, August 28, the team had their first meet of the season at Athens. Four athletes ran on Wednesday including sophomore Peyton Dobson, junior Izzy Wellenreiter, and seniors Carson Gregory and Zac Howard. The weather was quite hot on Wednesday which I'm sure was a challenge for the team. "The weather on Wednesday was pretty hot. The course did not include much shade or any at all. I personally do not perform very well in the heat so it was not my best race but a good meet to start the season. Zac, Carson, and Peyton all performed very well and also got a great starting point for the season. I'm sure they could also agree it was quite hot" Izzy said about Wednesday. They have some upcoming meets on Tuesday September 3, in Carlinville and Tuesday September 10, in Rushville. Hopefully the weather will cool off a bit for the team and they can get some personal bests this season. Good luck Cross Country!

- Sofie Grubb

Winchester High School's Veterinary Science Class

Ms. Carroll has started her second year of teaching veterinary science, the class came to Winchester High School when Ms. Carroll started teaching here. Ms. Carroll took the offer of teaching the students all about the new Vet Science class. Ms. Carroll has taught multiple types of Agriculture classes here at Winchester High School but vet science is one that seems to have caught a lot of students' attention. This year there are 14 students in the class. Ms. Carroll goes over multiple different things in the class such as terminology, equipment, and procedures. They will also learn about the different types of animals and their breeds. The students that have performed the best will represent Winchester's FFA program. The students will also get to compete at a Vet science contest in Greenfield, IL. Also, parts of the contest include a veterinary math practicum, identification of breeds, parasites, and equipment, and the demonstration of two different simple veterinary procedures.

-Gracelyn Hettinger

West Central Cougar Football

As we get ready for our first home game against Mendon Unity, I wanted to point out our players to look out for this upcoming season. As you all know we came off a tough playoff loss last year losing 7-0 to Salt Fork but from what I've seen the cougars intend on having a strong season. Here are some of the players to look out for: Ryker Ford (#4) at quarterback/ Cornerback, Hayden (HayJ) Jefferson (#7) at Fullback and Tight end/ Defensive end, Liam Melanson (#5) at wide receiver/ cornerback, and Nolan Melanson (#8) at Tight End/ Defensive Tackle. We all hope to see you all at the games on Friday nights. Our conference games this year are Carrollton (9/13), Calhoun (9/20), P-hill (9/27), Greenfield (10/4), and North Greene (10/11). Stay with us on our journey as we try to make the playoffs again.

Nate Crook

Homecoming Week / Dance

Homecoming week is just a week to dress up, play games, and to just have fun with your class and teachers. The theme this year for homecoming is western. For homecoming dress up week we have themed days for one week and if you dress up you get class points. The first day of homecoming week will be on Monday, October 7th. There are volleyball, football, and Basketball games all week. On Thursday, 10th the high school volleyball team plays in their dig pink game against South County in Bluffs at 6:00pm. After the volleyball game is the bonfire at the park in Bluffs. There will be a softball game for anyone to join, bags, snacks and drinks. The homecoming football game at the end of the week on Friday, October 11th against North Greene in Winchester Illinois at 7:00pm. Our homecoming dance is at a barn in Exeter-Bluffs on Saturday, October 12th.

Hailey Blanton

New PE Teacher On The Block!

Ms. McAuliffe is the new high school PE teacher after Ms. Bass left for the grade school. She graduated from Central Washington University this June and is already thrilled for the new year! She has always wanted to be a teacher and was originally planning to be a history teacher. Luckily, she had a change of heart and decided on being a Physical Education teacher! She also said that she has just always been an athlete. She has two units that she is most excited for; one being a brand new unit, soccer and the other being bowling. In the weeks that she has been here, she has stated that she is loving it so far, although she is exhausted all the time. One of her most favorite things about being a teacher is the student and teacher relationships you establish. If her door is open, that usually means you can stop in and say hello!

Ella Hoots

Volleyball

The 2024 High School Volleyball season has started. They had their scrimmage August 29th in Winchester. Both teams did very well. Varsity played in the Quincy Tournament Saturday, August 31st. Varsity has 11 players on the team. They took 4th place overall at the tournament. A big congratulations to Reagan Brown for making the all tournament team. This year there are six seniors: Brylee Lawson, Marissa Galloway, Reagan Brown, Kenzie Jones, Hailey Jefferson, and Brooklyn Hileman. Varsity and JV both are playing in the Meredosia Tournament, which started Tuesday, September 3rd, and will come to an end Saturday, September 7th. Both JV and Varsity played Pleasant Hill to start the tournament. Both teams won. They played again Wednesday, against North Greene, at 5:45. Then they played Thursday, against South County at 7:30. They finished the tournament Saturday, playing Griggsville Perry at 11:30 and Triopia at 3:00.

Mallory Pratt

New WHS Teacher

This year, the Winchester school district welcomes a new art teacher, Ms Wigger. She is known to the students as Ms. Ana. This is her first time teaching at our school. She is the daughter of our high school math teacher Mrs. Wigger. She has had some experience here, and actually filled in and taught all chemistry and physics classes last year for 1 semester. This year, she decided to take up the offer to be our art teacher. At the high school, she teaches painting, drawing, and 3-D art, and at the grade school she teaches art. Some projects her high school students have made include color wheels, personal stamps, and pitch pots. Her grade school students have made one-point-perspective room designs, pitch pots, and Andy Warhol soup can paintings. When asked what she likes about being an art teacher, she states; "Being able to inform those about the history of art and letting them have a creative outlet." Welcome to West Central Ms. Ana!

Fiona Smith

Golf

High school Golf has started! The golf team has already had their first tournament on August 21st at Pikeland schools, Then had another tournament the August 28th at southeastern. The golf team has their next meet on September 4th, 5th and the 6th. On the 4th the meet is home at plum creek. The 5th is away at links outing. Then on the 6th the meet is also away at Virginia high school. The Team have 5 seniors, London Adams, Peyton Andreas, Caden Meyer, Camron Sievers, Dylan Passavage, and Landyn Woods, 3 Juniors, Nick Hamilton, Aiden Meyer, and Charlie Smith, 2 Sophmores, Will Sutton and the only girl on the team Jaysa Likes. There are no freshman on the team. The golf coaches this year are Jason Likes and Nate Davis. "Next year we need to go out and have more people on our team like freshman and girls, because after graduation our whole golf team will basically be gone". - Jaysa Likes

Kloe Woods