

WHS NEWS

Weather Changing

Fall weather is coming to a end soon so that means winter is coming up. The fall weather this year hasn't really felt like fall with the highs being all the way up to 80 Degrees. Even though the weather hasn't been to fall like the leaves are changing to the beautiful colors, going from red yellow and orange. Most people love fall mainly for the farmer families because when the end of fall comes around that means it is the end of harvest season. The weather this upcoming week is supposed to be more like the fall weather with the highs of 60 and the lows are supposed to stay in the low 50s. This winter we are supposed to have a mild snowy/cold and dry winter. A lot of people that i have talked to around the town and the school have told me that they wish for a lot of snow to fall this winter.

Kloe Woods

Remember to Vote!

The day has come! It's time to vote if you are registered! Election day falls on Tuesday, November 5th this year. The candidates for the Democratic party are Kamala Harris and vice president Tim Walz, and the candidates for the Republican party are Donald Trump and JD Vance. Back in 2020, the presidential election had the highest turnout in the 21st century, with 66.8% of citizens 18 years or older voting. Before putting your votes in, it is always good to research on the many topics and stances each presidential candidate takes to ensure an honest vote. Americans' all across the country will be putting in their votes Tuesday. If you are still unsure on who to vote for, there are debates from months and weeks ago you could always look back on. But remember, if you are almost 18 as of now, it is a good idea to register sooner than later. Your vote matters!

Ella Hoots

Boys basketball

As we get into the month our boys basketball team will be back up and running, notable players this year will be Carson Brown, Ryker Ford, Nick Hamilton, Caden Meyer, Cam Sievers. All were key player in the state championship last they ended the year with a bang and I'm sure they plan on doing it again this year the first tournament is the Beardstown tournament that starts on November 25th and ends on November 30th and the home games this year will be 12/3 v Western Jr/Sr HS, 12/10 v Pittsfield, 12/13 v Pleasant plains, 12/17 v Calhoun, 1/3 v South County, 2/7 v Carrollton, 2/14 v North Greene, and 2/18 v Camp Point Central, and there are a few tournaments this year of course we have the W.I.T starting on 1/11 and we also have the Waverly tournament 12/27.

Photographic Design Class

This year the photographic design class was continued at Winchester High School. The class has a new teacher teaching the art classes this year. The photographic design class is taught by Ana Wigger. This class is a half credit class and half a semester. This is her first year teaching here. There are about 12 students in the class this year. Ms. Ana has figured out how to get Ipads for the students in the class to be able to take pictures. There have been a lot of things taught in the class such as, reflection, making objects into words, the rule of thirds, and taking pictures of what describes us. Ms. Ana is trying to get cameras for the class so we can expand our photos beyond the school. The class is liked by all the students. The students will continue to learn other types of photography such as sunset photos, portraits, still life, and product photography.

-Gracelyn Hettinger

The West Central football team has had a very busy season. This Saturday the football team will be playing Carrollton in Winchester. Saturday will be the first round of the IHSA playoffs. On Friday there will be a pep rally to hype the team up for the big game. The West central Football team has worked very hard to get to this point in their season and we are beyond proud of the team. The game starts at 3:00 but the gates will open at 1:00. The team had a great record of 6-3 for the regular season. The team had a lot of loyal fans this season and had a lot of community support leading up to playoffs. All the loyal fans from the community will be at the game on Saturday to cheer the team on. The team has had a lot of great fans that are very proud of them this season.

Kendall Graham

Girls Basketball

This November our girls basketball team starts up again. The first official day of practice is on November 4th. They will have a few weeks of practice until the first game against Pleasant Hill on November 18th. The game will be played in Bluffs, and will start at 6 p.m. Make sure to show up and support the girls! Coming off of a Regional title last year, the girls are excited to take on their 2024-2025 season. This year both the boys and girls' teams are taking a trip to Indiana right before Christmas and get the privilege to play in the famous Hoosiers Gym. It should be an enjoyable experience for both teams. The girls have three games this November. They are against Pleasant Hill, Mendon unity, and Porta. If you can, come out and watch some basketball. There are more games to come this season and a lot of potential in our girls' team. Go Cougars!

Sofie Grubb

Thanksgiving is right around the corner on November 28th. It first was celebrated in 1621. The food normally prepared consists of turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, mac and cheese, gravy, dressing, green bean casserole and there is so much more this is just naming a few. Each year there is around 46 million of turkeys prepared. Each year there is also a Macy's float parade at 8:30 a.m. with around 22 floats, 39 balloons, and this year T-Pain and India Menzel. To name a few this years balloons are Astronaut Snoopy, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Baby Yoda Funko-Pop, The Boss Baby, SpongeBob SquarePants and Gary, and GOKU. The Floats consist of Baby Shark, Santa's Sleigh, Big Turkey Spectacular, Blue's Clues, and Toys R Us. The weather this year for Thanksgiving is supposed to be a high of 60 to 70 and the maximum low will be 50 to 30. Hope It's a nice day for the Parade!

Alex Feenstra

On Monday, November 11th, Winchester Grade School will be having a Veterans Day assembly honoring military veterans from around Winchester, and school will be ending at noon. Veterans from around the area will be in attendance for the assembly. Members of the National Honors Society will be hosting a breakfast for the veterans prior to the assembly. The National Honors Society has 11 senior members and they are led by high school teachers Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Barnett. The Nationals Honors Society will also be giving speeches at the assembly, following some of the veterans giving their speeches on their stories. Mrs. Stocker's American Sign Language class will be signing the song "God Bless the USA" by Lee Greenwood, to honor the veterans for their service. The digital media class will make a presentation that will play off of the promethean board with pictures of the veterans. Thank you to all the veterans for your service!

-Fiona Smith

Finals are coming up again and the first day of finals is December 19th. There are only two days of finals and the test hours will be split throughout the two days. On the first day we will have finals 1st hour through 4th hour. On the second day we will have finals 6th through 8th hour. Make sure you study and do well on your MAP testing so you can get exemptions. Exemptions can get you out of your final exam tests only if your teachers are okay with it. You can get up to three exemptions. Students will be able to come and go as they please during the final session. They are not allowed to sit in the hallways, library, or other classrooms while waiting for their next final exam. Lunch will still be available during the finals at the original time as it always is served.

Hailey Blanton

Volleyball

The girls volleyball season has come to an end. The weeks October 21st through the 28th, Varsity and Jv both played three games. JV also played in the JV Cougar Tournament. The girls played Liberty on Monday the 21st in Bluffs. Tuesday the 22nd against Brown County at Brown County, which happened to be their Senior Night. The girls played again on Thursday the 24th against Triopia at home which was our Senior Night. On Senior Night we recognized six seniors from Winchester and two from Triopia. At the Cougar JV Tournament on Saturday the 26th JV played Pittsfield, Greenfield, Pleasant Hill, and Triopia. Which ended the season for JV. Monday October 28th Varsity started Regionals. Regionals were held in Havana which is who Varsity also played. The girls took Havana to three sets and ended up losing, which ended the season for Varsity. Both teams had a great season this year and can't wait to see what next year has in store for them.

Mallory Pratt