

# Warren Connection: Changing Seasons

November 7, 2018



Dear Warren Community,

We are excited to share our November edition of the Warren Connection newsletter as we acknowledge changing seasons at WTHS.



## Early Release on Wednesday, November 21, 2018

Almond Campus releases at 12:15 p.m.  
O'Plaine Campus releases at 1:15 p.m.

**The District is closed on**  
Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23  
Happy Thanksgiving!



Our Newspaper Club has been working diligently the last few months to create a quality online publication. Please follow this link for their latest publication of *Scratch Paper*, the Warren Township High School online newspaper:

<http://wthsscratchpaper.net/>



## Children's Play *The Velveteen Rabbit*

Almond Campus  
Black Box Theatre  
December 1, 2018  
11 a.m. and 2 p.m.



The *Letters to Santa* program, coordinated by Student Council, will begin Nov 13 at each building. Each year WTHS sponsors a school in Chicago. The wrapped gifts are collected during the week of December 10.

## November 18

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**SIP Days**  
**2-Hour Late Start**  
**November 5, 12**

## IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of Winter Sports  
November 5, 2018

Jr. College Planning Night @ O'Plaine Auditorium  
November 8, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

School is in Session on November 12, 2018

8th Grade Festival of Bands @ Almond Cafeteria  
November 15, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

National Letter of Intent Signing Day  
@ Almond Campus Gallery  
November 14, 2018

Winter Sports Picture Day  
November 16, 2018

Early Release  
November 21, 2018

District Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday  
November 22, 2018 and November 23, 2018

Children's Play – *The Velveteen Rabbit*  
@ Almond Black Box Theatre  
December 1, 2018 - 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

SAT Testing @ Almond Campus  
December 1, 2018

8th Grade Course Selection Nights  
@ O'Plaine Campus  
December 4, 2018 and December 5, 2018  
6:30 p.m.

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### WTHS and the Gurnee Park District Work Together

At the October 9, 2018 Board meeting, Susie Kuruvilla, Gurnee Park District Executive Director, provided an overview of the projects they are currently working on, their 50 year anniversary celebration, and the long standing partnership the park district has with Warren Township High School. There are facilities and programs that have been a benefit to everyone in the community including but not limited to using the pool for swim lessons, working with the Blue Devil Swim Club and finding life guards, gym usage for most of the intramural sports, the annual dance recital, using Gowe Beach for the 10K race during Gurnee Days, and using the school district buses during the summer. The park district and WTHS are appreciative of their partnership with the schools in our community.

For the fifth year, **WTHS students hosted French students** from Arles, France. The goal of the program is to create international connections and friendships. Since the students were here to improve their English, students studying French, German, and Spanish and members of the French National Honor Society offered to house the students during their stay. The students shadowed classes with their American hosts to see what a typical school day looks like, went to Richardson's corn maze, volunteered at Feed My Starving Children, had a pot luck dinner sponsored by the families, and visited both Northwestern University and UW-Madison.



### Recap of October 9, 2018

#### Board of Education Meeting

The following topics were discussed:

- A diversity discussion covering a range of topics such as Warren's Greatness Indicators in the Strategic Plan, Illinois Association of School Board equity offerings, reviewing data about alumni, attending job fairs and reviewing data in the school report card.
- Board members will review the IASB 2018 delegate resolutions prior to the annual joint conference in November.
- Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director at the Gurnee Park District provided an overview of the projects they are currently working on.
- Board Committee reports from the Insurance Committee and the Parent Diversity Committee meetings.
- Mr. Geocaris provided an overview about the Technology department which included their current projects, identifying the staff in the department and their responsibilities.
- Solar project update about receiving the tree survey from the County and designing a system to be least impactful regarding tree removal. The pre-application for ComEd's interconnection has been submitted and is awaiting a response.

The Board approved the following items:

- Hiring recommendations for eight employees and prospective candidates
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$557,600.63
- Regular and Executive Session minutes of September 25, 2018
- Serious Safety Hazards for the 2018-19 school year
- Facility Use Waivers for the 2018-19 school year
- WTHS Spain Trip Proposal for March 23-21, 2019
- Temporary Serious Safety Hazard Finding #121-17-01
- RESOLUTION declaring the intention to issue \$23,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Work Cash Fund and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law
- Purchase a Dish Machine for the O'Plaine campus cafeteria

### Recap of October 23, 2018

#### Board of Education Meeting

There was a public hearing concerning the Intent of the Board of Education of WTHS to sell \$23,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds. Mr. Engel provided an overview of the intent of the working cash bonds. Five people addressed the board regarding the bonds.

Warren received recognition from the Regional Office of Education for their sixth place finish in the Attendance Week contest. Dr. Ahlgrim also thanked Michele Bertola and Rob Parrott for their leadership in the buildings during Principals Appreciation Week.

Presentation and reports were provided for the following items:

- Curriculum Committee, October 10, 2018
- Treasurer's Reports for September 2018
- Solar project update that we are waiting for a final report from the Lake County Forestry Department regarding the necessary removal or relocation of trees on the solar project site.

The Board approved the following items:

- Hiring recommendations for 11 employees and prospective candidates
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$3,723,490.90
- Regular and Executive Session minutes of October 9, 2018
- The 2019-2020 Curriculum Guide changes and new course proposals



## Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. John P. Ahlgrim, Superintendent of Schools

### Weather Related Decisions and Emergency Closing Information

As the winter season approaches, our District staff understands that our decision to delay the start or close schools in bad weather has a big effect on families. We also understand that our students are better served both academically and socially by being in school. But as always, our top priority is the safety of our students.

We make the decision to delay the start or close the school in bad weather based on a careful analysis of all relevant factors, such as:

- Information on road conditions from the transportation staff and from the police
- Amount of snow and ice accumulated
- Whether precipitation is continuing
- Building conditions (such as whether we have electricity and heat)
- Parking lot conditions
- Temperature and wind chill
- Weather predictions

As the Superintendent, I am responsible for the final decision, based on the factors mentioned above and consultation with our elementary districts, the Director of Transportation and the Director of Facilities.

The public is notified by

- Checking our District website at [www.d121.org](http://www.d121.org)
- Receiving a rapid communication phone call on all of the phone numbers which were provided during the registration process this past August.
- Local television and radio stations
- Emergency Closing Center at [www.EmergencyClosings.com](http://www.EmergencyClosings.com)

I must make the decision by 5:30 a.m. or earlier so we can notify radio and TV stations and post the decision on our website. If I wait longer to announce a change in the normal schedule, some parents will have already left for work, leaving their children unsupervised. Keep in mind that even if weather conditions worsen, we cannot reverse our decision in the morning without endangering students. Once we make the decision to open the schools, many parents rely on that decision and leave for work.

If we then send students right back home, many will return to unsupervised bus stops and empty houses. If conditions get worse during the school day, we may need to have an early dismissal, but we will give adequate notice to all parents first.

Although the Administrative staff and I do our absolute best in this process, we know that often no perfect decision exists. If you do not feel as though it is safe for your child to attend school, use your best judgment on whether he or she should attend. I encourage you to discourage teenagers from driving in bad conditions and I am suggesting you offer them alternative strategies as weather conditions worsen.

In addition, we will have school on many days when it is very chilly outside and we always hope our students are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions.

As the temperatures and foliage remind us of how quickly fall comes and goes in our area, fall also is a time where a great deal happens at WTHS.

Students have started wearing their warmer clothing, our Physical Development classes remain indoors much more frequently, our athletic department transitions from our fall to winter programs, and our students and teachers generally are now in a very productive academic pace as the middle of the semester is upon us. Our freshmen have now become familiar with most of the elements of WTHS and the feeling of "newness" has transitioned into a focus on academics.



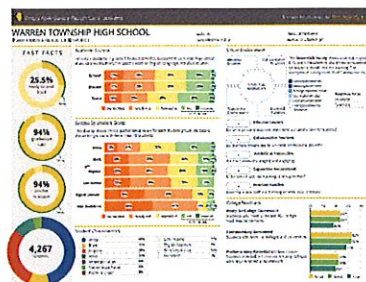
One of the truly special elements of WTHS is the demonstration of the strong work ethic that our students bring to school every day. Our parents and community should be proud to raise young people who understand the value of hard work and grit, and I want to commend our staff who recognize and model this continuously.

Please continue to keep connected to your child's progress in their academic classes as we move into November and reach out to our teachers with questions. As a reminder, many parents find accessing PowerSchool to be valuable in learning about their student's progress.

If you need assistance with PowerSchool access, please call the school's main number at 847-662-1400 and ask for help.



Meaningful discussions with your child about their education not only allows you to be informed on their progress in particular classes, it also demonstrates to them your continued support and care for them even as they become more independent in their endeavors.



Each fall, the Illinois State Board of Education releases report card for each school and school district in the state of Illinois.

The 2017-18 Illinois School Report Card is on our website at: <https://www.d121.org/Page/483>



## News From Instructional Services

by Christopher J. Geocar, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services

### Testing Update

This year, the Illinois State Board of Education is requiring that all freshman students take the PSAT9, all sophomore students take the PSAT10, and all junior students take the SAT. These assessments provide valuable information regarding academic progress to students and parents. The College Board has extensive free resources available to help students prepare for these exams as well as to utilize their scores and results to prepare for future assessments.



Additional information on the SAT Suite of Assessments and helpful resources for parents and students are available on our Testing Information page on our website.

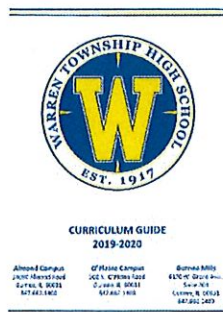
The testing dates for the 2018-2019 school year are:

- Juniors (SAT): April 9
  - Seniors will not attend school on April 9. Freshmen and sophomores will be on a normal daily schedule.
- Freshmen (PSAT9) and sophomores (PSAT10): April 10
  - Juniors and seniors will have a normal daily schedule on April 10.

Detailed information regarding student schedules on the days of the exams will be communicated to families nearer to the dates of the exams. If you have questions regarding the SAT test for juniors, please contact Matthew Jones, Assistant Principal at the Almond Campus. If you have questions regarding the PSAT9 or PSAT10 for freshmen and sophomores, please contact Peter Kupfer, Assistant Principal at the O'Plaine Campus.

### Instructional Services

In November, we will begin Course Selection for the 2019-2020 School Year. The Curriculum Guide for next year is now posted on our website. We are excited to continue to offer a wide variety of educational experiences for our students! Our Curriculum Guide is an extensive document that contains all of the information parents and students need to help select courses for next year.



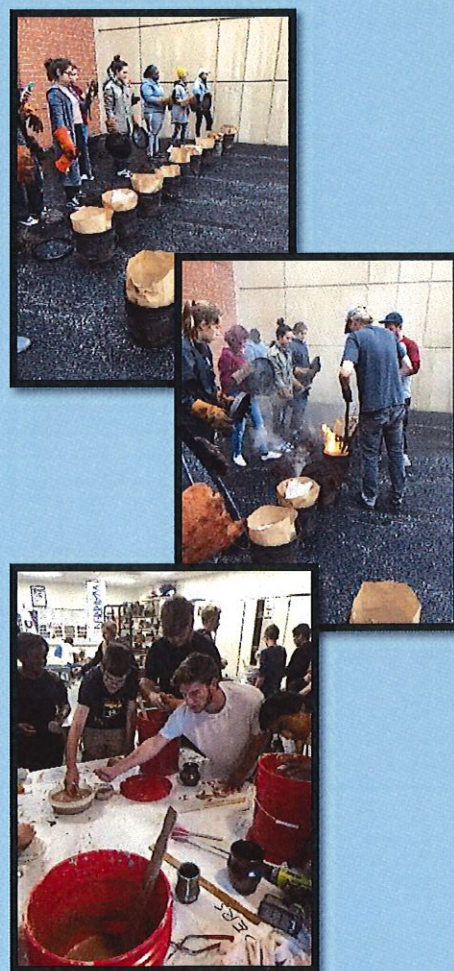
Our Curriculum Guide can be found here:

<https://www.d121.org/Page/429>

Please contact your student's guidance counselor if you have questions about the course selection process.

### In The Classroom

During the month of October, a local professional artist visited our Almond Campus. Students in Ceramics as well as students in Material Science worked with our visitor to make Raku pottery, and learn about the chemical reactions that take place to create these unique pieces of art. Raku uses a technique of removing pottery from a kiln at high heat and placing it in containers with combustible materials. The reactions that take place create dramatic colorations and cracking patterns in the fired clay. Our students were excited to learn about the science behind this technique.





## News From Student Services

by Dr. Patrick W. Keeley, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

### Veterans Day 2018 Toiletry Drive Warren Township High School November 12-16

COOL (Christian Outreach of Lutherans) Food Pantries is a Lake County organization that helps food stamp eligible veterans each month not only with food but also each qualified veteran family receives a large box loaded with soaps, paper goods, toiletries and more! To assist them in their efforts, the social studies department at Warren Township High School would like to collect toiletry items to donate to the pantry so that these items can get to our Veterans in need.

#### What to bring in: Any Toiletry Item

Common items: razors, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, laundry soap, bar soap, Q-tips, body wash, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash, shaving cream, denture cleaner, cleaning supplies, deodorant, lotion, Depends (men's and women's), washcloths, shower loofa, shampoo.

#### Where:

Juniors and Seniors: Drop off items at the Main office at Almond  
Freshmen and Sophomores: Drop off items in your social studies classroom

#### When:

During the week of November 12-16



This past month we hosted three parent events that focused on post-secondary plans for our students. There were two workshops on FAFSA completion with our counselors and an Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) representative and our annual Camino a College, presented entirely in Spanish that reviews the college application process.

The counselors also provided a voluntary seminar for juniors (October 25-November 7) during their lunch hours. The seminars covered transcript review, course selection process, SAT test prep, and resources for support. Please discuss these seminars with your student!



### Physical Development Classes Host Blood Drive on November 19

For the third year the Physical Development department will sponsor Life Source and host a blood drive on November 19, which takes place at the Almond campus. The students can donate blood if they choose during their Physical Development class.

Last year's blood drive was a great success. We had 304 students visiting and 254 who were successfully able to donate. Because each pint of blood can save up to 3 lives, those 254 donations will touch over 762 patients in Chicagoland hospitals. Overall this school year we have saved over 1,713 lives! We cannot do this without the entire school's support. Thank you for helping us save lives.



Social workers and the Warren Wellness Ambassadors student group promoted many informational opportunities for all students during Red Ribbon Week, October 22 – October 26. As part of Red Ribbon Week included a presentation from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) to all of our health classes at the O'Plaine Campus.

### School Safety

At the October 15<sup>th</sup> Institute day, the Gurnee Police Department presented best practices for providing a safe working and learning environment. After the presentation, staff was provided time to ask questions to clarify safety procedures.

Also during this Institute day, Social Workers, Psychologists, Special Education Supervisors, and Deans, reviewed our Mental Health Crisis plan and made revisions as needed. The revisions included directions to improve consistency in practices at both campuses.



The Almond students will have the opportunity to attend a presentation to promote a positive message about healthy decision making and the devastating effects of impaired driving by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) during the week of November 5.

Additionally, social workers are finalizing plans for our School Resource Officer to provide a presentation during PE classes about the dangers of distracted driving.



## News From Business Services and Operations

by Michael A. Engel, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and Operations

Warren Township High School is in the process of issuing working cash bonds to address many critical capital projects related to the safety, maintenance, energy efficiencies and upgrades of our facilities.

The list of projects and approximate costs are:

Health and Life Safety projects identified in the 2016 inspection	\$1,000,000
School Security and Perimeter Enhancements	\$500,000
HVAC work and boiler replacement at O'Plaine	\$750,000
Tennis Courts at Almond	\$750,000
Solar Project Installation	\$7,000,000
Parking Lot replacement, curb and concrete work at both campuses	\$750,000
Land Payment	\$4,625,000
Small Future Projects	\$2,625,000
Roof Replacement at Almond	\$5,000,000

By restructuring the debt service fund, Warren would be able to access \$23 million in working cash bonds to pay for these major capital projects. These payments would come from the capital project fund rather than the annual operating budget. Some of the projects may need to start as early as this upcoming spring.

The process of restructuring debt service includes the issuance of new bonds to pay for past debt and realize \$23 million. The new debt payment will be reduced to a flat \$6.4 million compared to the current variable amounts of \$7.4 million to \$9 million annually. The reduction will also show a savings for the tax payer of approximately \$100 on a \$300,000 home.

### Almond Campus Solar Project Update

At the October 23, 2018 Board of Education meeting, the Board was provided an update regarding the solar project. Dr. Ahlgrim reported that Performance Services, Inc. and the school district are still waiting for a final report from the Lake County Forestry Department regarding the necessary removal or relocation of trees on the solar project site. If the solar project is installed at a maximum capacity, it is anticipated to generate over \$300,000 annually in energy savings as well as approximately \$3,000,000 in potential rebates and/or credits.



### Food Service

#### Meet the Food Service Staff

##### Liz Sharrock-Gilliland

Chef Manager at the Almond Campus

Liz started working in the food industry as a teenager, washing dishes at a local restaurant and being inspired by their chefs to create masterful dishes as well as learn the skills needed to manage successful restaurants, which were DiMarco's Restaurant and Oliveri North Restaurant, both in Antioch, Illinois. In 2006, Liz opened and operated her own restaurant, the Harbour Club in Antioch on the Chain of Lakes. In 2009, she then moved into the Executive Chef position at the Baker House in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin until she came to Warren in 2011. Liz has been at the Almond Campus for the past eight years, working as the Chef Manager. Additionally, she has been valuable in providing her services at both campuses when needed. Liz's extensive knowledge and culinary experiences in the food industry are what provide our students and staff with delicious food and smooth service.

##### Tiffany Coffee

Chef Manager at the O'Plaine Campus

Tiffany Coffee was raised in a military family where she moved a great deal and earned respect for order and culture. She became passionate for the food industry at a young age and started her culinary career at the Hershey Hotel, she moved into restaurants working as a chef for the Signature on the 95<sup>th</sup> in Chicago. Tiffany joined the management team for a gourmet grocery store handling the deli and catering department and assisted in opening and operating a new location. Kitchen operations was her passion, she worked with for Whole Foods doing high production cooking for in the entire Northwest Region. Seeking more knowledge in the food industry, she worked with a large spice company assisting in international and domestic purchasing. She opened and operated her own marketing company doing food photography and styling. Tiffany was promoted to Culinary Director for Quest Management and has assisted in the operations of several locations. Join us as we welcome Tiffany Coffee as the new Chef Manager for the O'Plaine Campus.



## Principal's Corner at the Almond Campus

by Rob Parrott

### *Congratulations*

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as **Students of the Quarter at the Technology Campus**. These students have shown excellence in their respective programs in regards to their grade, attendance, and class leadership. They have gone above and beyond what is required to be a successful student.

- Trenton Kauffman—Emergency Medical Services
- Joseph Newlun—Automotive Services 1
- Heather Sealander—Cosmetology 1
- Ramiro Soto—Culinary Arts 2
- Luis Camacho—Automotive Services 2
- Natalie Schrimpf—Early Education & Teaching 2

#### October 2018 A-Team Award Winners

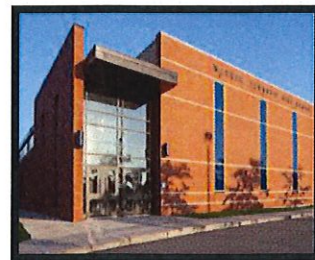
Kaitlyn Attar	Dana Lundtveit
Rachel Back	Elyce Nerheim
Alyssa Church	Andres Pacheco
Mia Colon	Jack Rice
Kasandra Gutierrez	Jesus Ruiz
David Haro	Daniella Strauss
Paul Lagahid	Shannon Sturt
Axel Lopez	Cynthia Tsarpalas



As an incentive for students who maintain perfect attendance during the school year, we draw names at the end of each month from those students who had perfect attendance and award 20 of those students' prizes. For the month of October, we had 645 students who had perfect attendance! Congratulations to the 20 students who were randomly selected.

Kayleigh Aaron	Rafey Khan
Adrian Arcenas	Ashley Monte
Katelyne Bashore	Elizabeth Olivan-Martinez
Hannah Brunner	Estrella Ortiz
Samuel Cortes	Bryan Pina-Corona
Madison DeLaPena	Erryn Laurene Relayson
Edgar Figueroa	Jermaine Rosete
Kimberly Gomez-Roblero	Thomas Ryner
Anabel Guzman-Garcia	Kerry Shea
Kayleigh Aaron	Rafey Khan

The month of November is here and Thanksgiving is upon us. Here are some items at the Almond Campus that I am thankful for and excited to share with you. The seniors in the Class of 2019 started clicking submit on their college applications and our Class of 2020 will begin to select their courses for their senior year. Thank you to our counselors who are working diligently to assist during this busy time for both our juniors and seniors. Please reach out to our counselors if you have any questions about either process.



Last month, we celebrated six National Merit Semifinalists, and this month I have more announcements about the academic success of several students. Although they will not continue in the 2019 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2019 competition by taking the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

I am proud to announce that Eli Ameyibor, Lauren Brezina, Jeric Cuasay, Ji Soo Kim, Alexandra Kolar, Daniel Lense, Kelsey Lin, Liam Maag, Veeshva Rana, Bria Romero, Justin Schmitt, and Joshua Vondracek have been named "Commended Students" in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program.

In addition, an invitation was extended to those students at Warren Township High School that scored in the top 2.5% among Hispanic and Latino PSAT/NMSQT test takers. During the past few months, all students who submitted an application were evaluated and recognized accordingly. As a result, I am pleased to announce that Ora Cohen, Santiago Currea, Amberlee Damon-Davis, Abigail Roman-Ahlgrim, and Bria Romero have all been named National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars (NMSC).



Thanks to our student leaders from various organizations that hosted a panel discussion with our Almond administrative team on October 17. Students had an opportunity to discuss topics important to them and received

feedback

from the administrative team. Topics included school fees, our school calendar, distribution of funds throughout our programs, methods to effectively communicate with students, student safety, and more. We had great dialogue and our student leaders presented thoughtful questions to members of our administrative team.

Thank you and As Always, Go Blue Devils!

Congratulations to senior, Bradley Wilinski! He was selected as the National Anthem singer for the First General Session at the Education Leaders Fall Conference that took place on October 22 in Springfield, Illinois. That was a great experience for him, and he was a great representative of our school district.



## Principal's Corner at the O'Plaine Campus

by Michele Bertola

Happy November to all. I am so grateful and excited to share some of the work going on at the O'Plaine campus with you. Our students have completed their 11th week of school and are being challenged to improve their academic skills every day. Students are collaborating, problem-solving, and engaging with their coursework. In addition to working hard in the classroom, students are working to find a balance with studying, extra-curriculars and spending time to stay happy and healthy. Finding this work-life balance is challenging for all of us, and we try to support all of our students as they take ownership of their learning. A recent academic seminar focused on some reflection and tips to help students navigate this process. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the seminar information.

Please encourage your child to see any member of their Student Services Team in the main office if they need help with this balance.

### School Spirit

We encourage students to wear Blue and Gold on Fridays, attend school events, and come to school with a positive attitude. There are many ways we show school spirit, including our Welcome Crew Fridays. Our Power Puff football team is pictured from a recent Friday morning. We also encourage students, staff, and our community to showcase everything we are proud of by using the hashtag: #WeAreWarren on social media.



As an incentive for students who maintain **perfect attendance** during the school year, we draw names at the end of each month from those students who had perfect attendance and award those students' prizes. For the month of October, we had 608 students who had perfect attendance! Congratulations to the 5 students who were randomly selected: Luna Carrera, Thaddine Lindo, Latravis Manning, Faith Reidinger, and Mikayla Smith.

We have **233 students** with **perfect attendance** for the school year. Congratulations to the 5 students who were randomly selected: Giovanni DeLuca, Calix Flores, Abigail Grinton, Justin Moran, and Bradley Strauss.

### Leadership

Student leadership skills are being developed daily in our classrooms, athletic arenas, activity groups, and in the community. I am very grateful for our student advisory team that met with the principals on October 26th to discuss important topics to them and our school. Topics included school spirit, academic challenges, academic supports, student involvement, and more. Dialogue will continue throughout the year and opportunities for students to participate in leadership activities are always available. Please advise your child to come and talk with me if they are interested in getting involved.



### Important Reminders

**Course Scheduling** for 2019-2020 begins this month. Sophomores will be working with their counselors to schedule.

#### Parent Boot Camp November 29

Is this your first child in high school? Want a refresher on the high school experience? Join our next Parent Boot Camp  
**Thursday, November 29th**  
6:00-7:30  
O'Plaine Campus Library

#### October 2018 Matter of Pride

Viviana Aguirre	Jeremy Mays
Angelina Baroud	Mandy Osuji
Josefina Sedano-Bustos	Elizabeth Payson
Wilmer Isip	Keira Rodriguez
Rebecca Katz	Jillian Ryczek
Claire Kauppila	Paul Sidlow
Nathaniel Kowalke-Reinwald	Brooke Sturt
Allaya Mahone	Alan Tepozotlan
	Sydney Wightman





## News about Athletics

by Becky Belmont, Director of Athletics and Aimee Lonigro, Assistant Director of Athletics and Activities Coordinator

### Important Dates



November 5

Winter participation fees due for  
Cheerleading

November 14

National Letter of Intent Signing Day

November 19

Winter participation fees due for  
Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls  
Bowling, Gymnastics, and Wrestling.

November 26

First day of Boys Swimming

December 3

Winter participation fees due for  
Boys Swim/Dive

## *Congratulations*

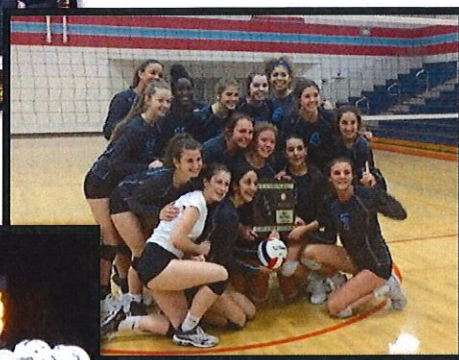
Congratulations to junior  
**Juan DelaCruz**  
for being unanimously named  
the North Suburban Conference  
Football Player of the Year!

### Congratulations to the following teams on their championship seasons



Girls Cross Country  
North Suburban Conference  
and IHSA Regional Champions

Girls Volleyball  
IHSA Regional Champions



Football  
North Suburban Conference  
Champions and  
IHSA State Playoff Sweet  
Sixteen

### Congratulations to the following Blue Devils for being selected to the North Suburban Conference All-Conference team

Girls Golf	Erika Baker, Sydney Bornhorst, Danielle Guzman, and Amanda Mietus
Girls Cross Country	Raina Rice, Athena McGinn, Ashley Kachurik, and Taylor Latza
Boys Cross Country	Griffin Pasha, Bryan Holland, and Luke Wiley
Football	Willis Singleton Jr., Juan DelaCruz, Tavion McCarthy, Martin Walker, Zack Pelland, Nico Corsini, and Brian Mohry. Honorable Mention: Jimmy Poremba, Seamus Mellican, and Dane Weinberg
Boys Golf	Kevin Borbath, Reid Calvert, Steffen Nerheim
Boys Soccer	Ishuaan Shah. Honorable Mention: Max Floriani and Clayton Mobile
Girls Volleyball	Abby Berkowicz. Honorable Mention: Ela White, Dana Lundtveit, and Amanda Howe



## News about Activities

by Aimee Lonigro, Assistant Director of Athletics and Activities Coordinator

Every year WTHS offers students an opportunity to petition for new clubs that offer something unique that our current clubs do not offer. We are excited to share the new clubs that will be underway in the 2018-19 school year:



- **American Sign Language Club:** Spread awareness of deaf culture and appreciate the ability to hear and to learn the language.
- **Film Club:** Encourage students interested in film to express themselves through the filmmaking process and the importance of film in our modern society.
- **South Asian Student Association (SASA):** Embraces and spreads awareness of South Asian culture through celebration, education, and service.
- **Vegan Club:** Learn about veganism and make conscious food choices for health, the environment, and for animals.
- **Wallflowers:** Helps students step out of their comfort zone and make new friends and increase their social skills.
- **Warren eSports League:** Create a competitive, yet welcome environment for student interested in competition based video gaming with a focus on teamwork, self-improvement, discipline and decision making.
- **Young Americans for Freedom:** Educate students about the importance of fiscal responsibility, free markets, and limited government through non-partisan debate, dialogue and discussion.

## Congratulations

The **Scholastic Bowl Team** defeated Mundelein, Zion-Benton, and Lake Zurich in their first conference match of the year.

The **Math Team** placed 2nd overall at the Lake Park Invite. Freshman, Vaibhav Joshi, had a perfect paper, the sophomores finished 2nd, and the juniors finished 1st in their respective divisions.



Congratulations to our cast and crew of the fall play, **Anonymous**. The State Festival Committee sent a team of adjudicators to see the show and do a talk-back with the students. In November, they find out if they are invited to perform in the State Festival.

Senior Andrea Martinez will perform at the Festival in her second All Stage production *In the Heights*.



Congratulations to our cast and crew of the Fall Dinner Theater, **And Then They Came For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank**. The students did an encore performance to pay tribute to the victims of the Pittsburgh tragedy. 100% of the proceeds went to the Synagogue and the families of the victims.

### Important Dates

November 10  
Art Club Field Trip

November 10  
Speech Team @ Fremd

November 14  
Math Team @ Niles West

November 17  
Speech Team @ Hoffman Estates

November 14  
Scholastic Bowl @ Waukegan

November 28  
Scholastic Bowl @ Libertyville

### 2018 ILLINOIS FBIA-PBL NATIONAL FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE CHICAGO, IL - NOVEMBER 2-3

Fifty-two members from Warren 's Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) were among students from all over the country joining Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Georgia, Missouri, New Jersey, Nebraska, Kentucky, and Wyoming students in the National Fall Leadership Conference on November 2 and 3 in Chicago, Illinois. At the conference, members attended workshops as well as listened to two keynote speakers. This conference strengthened the members' leadership skills, teamwork skills, and they were able to develop characteristics that are valuable for the working world.

In attendance from Warren FBLA were the following: Peyton Abraham, Danielle Aguado, Caleb Baab, Faraaz Baig, Lauren Best, Sara Boutelle, Jonathan Brenner, Isabelle Corpus, Sohom Dash, Sohini Dash, Nathan Denny, Alexis Ehlebracht, Thomas Farber, Alexander Figueroa, Sai Nikhita Gaddam, Maria Gama, Jordan Gamburg, Samantha Gebusion, Julie Griesser, Lena Groth, Darsh Gupta, Quinn Hiles, Diyalier, AkashJalasutram, Jake Johnson, Anjali Johnson, Shalini Kolli, Precious Mago, Sydney Papierniak, Sarah Parmar, Kendal Parr, Kevin Patel, Simran Patel, Julia Paukert, Margaret Perlstein, Reena Pinapala, Bharat Pullela, Kashyap Ramachandula, Brian Rapanan, Olivia Rodriguez, Lucia Rodriguez, Jullieana Salgado, Neema Salim, Rutvik Sayankar, Kunal Sharma, Perry Torres, Sahil Tripurana, Cynthia Tsarpalas, Joshua Vondracek, Ifra Waris, Meichel Yoinco, and Krista Zimmer. They were joined by Advisers Jessica Beck, Claire Blakemore, Kim Lobitz, and Steve Vranek.

Warren Township High School was given the Super Sweeps badge at the conference in recognition for completing a series of activities within their chapter. Darsh Gupta, who is the Northern Area and State Parliamentarian, represented the Warren Township Chapter, and did an outstanding job speaking at the Illinois State Board meeting alongside his State officer team. This conference was a rewarding and informative time for new members to experience what FBLA has to offer and encourage our members to become more involved.