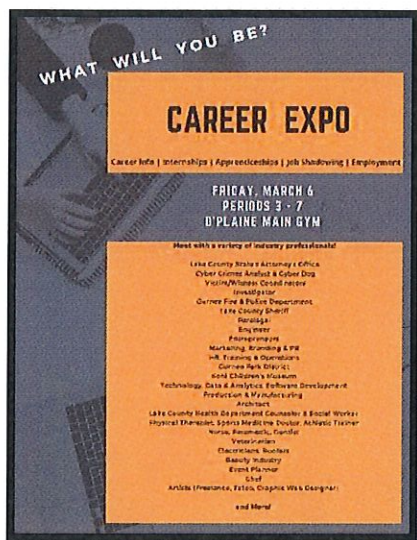




Senior students are encouraged to stop by the Guidance Department and College and Career Center at the Almond Campus to check out the scholarship opportunities. Most applications are required to be completed by March 13, 2020.



O'Plaine Campus students are encouraged to check out the Career Expo March 6, 2020 O'Plaine Campus Main Gym During lunch hours

The 2020-2021 School Calendar is on the District website.



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Warren's website at www.d121.org is a key link to staying connected with our current programs and projects.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 20				
M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

SIP Days
2-Hour Late Start
February 24
March 9, 16

Freshman Exploring Your Options
O'Plaine Auditorium
February 20

Pediatric Cancer Game
Almond Campus Gymnasium
February 21

Turnabout Winter Dance
Almond Campus Fieldhouse
February 22 – 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Black History Month Celebration
O'Plaine Campus Cafeteria
February 27 – 7:00 p.m.

Staff Institute Day – No Student Attendance
February 28, 2020

Music in the Park
March 1-2 and/or March 8-9

All Spring Sports Start (except Boys Volleyball)
March 2

Casimir Pulaski Day – District Closed
March 2

Content Play
Almond Black Box Theatre
March 6 and 7

Mr. Warren
O'Plaine Campus Auditorium
March 6 – 7:00 p.m.

Boys Volleyball Spring Season Starts
March 9

Choir Concert
O'Plaine Campus Auditorium
March 10 – 7:00 p.m.

Winter Sports Awards
Almond Campus
March 11 – 7:00 p.m.

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
O'Plaine Campus Auditorium
March 12 – 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education News

Potential Public Question Update

For the past eight months, the Board has been actively discussing our District's financial challenges and a potential referendum question. An initial 30-member community task force meeting is scheduled to begin in February 2020 and will make a recommendation to the Board of Education on whether or not a referendum question should be considered and if so, a dollar amount of an operating rate increase. The Board must make a decision by August 2020 if the District intends to place a referendum question on the November 2020 ballot.

Almond Campus Solar Project Update (as of February 13, 2020)



In the fall of 2019, a solar project was initiated on the south end of the Almond Campus. The project began with tree removal and excavation of the site. This process ultimately transitioned into post installation, rack assembly and panel installation, as well as fence construction and the boring and installation of underground cabling. As of today, these aspects of the project are also nearing completion. Within the next several months, the wiring connections of the panels will be taking place. In the spring, it is anticipated to see landscaping around the

perimeter of the site, and the system is intended to be completed and generating solar energy by June 30, 2020.

When energized, the solar field will generate enough electricity to account for nearly all the energy usage at the Almond Campus saving the District approximately \$300,000 in annual operating costs. Additionally, this project is a significant step in our efforts to be environmentally conscious.



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Recap of January 21, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

The National Letter of Intent Signers for February were announced at the Board meeting. Congratulations to Mike Kocen, Reece Lawler, Ryan Scanlong, Nelson Austria, Jaden Gregerson, Connor Lanage, Jaiden Lowery, Christian Phillips, Josh Turner, Theresa Carpentier, Carson Ghys, Matthew Alcala, Nola Ehlers, Sarah Hubbartt, Morgan Liebau, Clayton Mobile, Trinity Springer, and Sabrina Mella.

Presentations, reports and discussion regarding the following items:

- Partnership report with Warren Township's Healthy Community Healthy Youth
- Department Report: Industrial Tech
- Almond Campus Solar Project Update
- O'Plaine Campus Locker Room Project
- Discussion of Potential Public Question for a Tax Rate Increase on the November 2020 ballot

The Board approved the following items:

- Personnel recommendations for 15 employees and prospective candidates
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$1,015,949.19
- Regular and Executive Session minutes of January 21, 2020 and February 4, 2020,
- Six Month Review of Closed Session Minutes from July 16, 2019 to December 17, 2019
- Resolution Authorizing Destruction of Certain Verbatim Recordings
- Approval of the School Project Maintenance Grant Application
- Approval of the License Agreement for Sears Centre Arena between the Village of Hoffman Estates and Warren Township High School District 121 for the Warren Township High School Graduation Ceremony for 2021 and 2022
- Approval of the 2020-2021 Public School Calendar
- Approval of the 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. John P. Ahlgrim, Superintendent of Schools



Illinois Youth Survey and Parent Notification



Illinois Youth Survey

On March 16, 2020, students will fill out the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) during their physical education and health classes.

The purpose of the survey is to better understand Illinois youth risk and protective behaviors that relate to student success and support programs that may be needed to keep students safe and healthy. The survey is done state-wide for the Center for Prevention Research and Development at the University of Illinois.

Approximately 230,000 students participate each year that the survey is conducted. Student responses are confidential and only school-wide data is shared with the community and school.

Schools are required to notify parents in at least two ways that the survey is taking place at their school and provide them the opportunity to decline their student's participation. The first method must be to provide the opt-out notification letter, which is being emailed to all parents. The second method is notification through this newsletter.

The opt-out notification letter, in both English and Spanish, can be found on the Opt-Out Notification page on the Illinois Youth Survey website at <https://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/conducting/opt-out>

Almond Campus Blood Drive on February 6

Thanks to our Almond Campus students and staff participation, 213 units of whole blood were collected, saving 639 lives.

Each year, Warren Township High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter creates a Community Service Committee to serve surrounding areas with a new project. This year, Lucia Rodriguez and Krista Zimmer were appointed the lead role and, after research, decided to crochet plastic shopping bags into mats for donation to homeless shelters. Warren students are welcome to join the project's efforts by attending the workdays on February 25, March 10, and March 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in room 117 at the Almond Campus.



2020 Illinois Future Business Leaders of America Northern Area Conference

On Friday January 17, 2019, the College of Lake County hosted the Future Business Leaders of America Northern Area Conference. A total of 105 members competed in a variety of events, against others from schools all throughout Northern Area.

The conference was hosted as a first step before the State Leadership Conference, and is comprised of a comprehensive program of competitive events. Northern Area Conference is sponsored annually by the Northern Area branch of FBLA, and always draws a large crowd. Competitors at Northern Area are encouraged to partake in events that can be done individually, as a team with other members in your chapter, or as a whole chapter. These events encompass a wide variety of topics relating to leadership and business, two main focuses of FBLA. Members also had the opportunity to go to interactive workshops to sharpen their business skills, to better become the business leaders they strive to be.

At Northern Area, junior Brian Rapanan was elected Northern Area Parliamentarian, replacing senior Sohom Dash in the role. Warren has a long standing tradition of excellence in Parliamentary Procedures, and we are glad to see it continue. Additionally, Adarsh Dayalan was elected Northern Area Treasurer, taking over the role from Sashank Varanasi, from Stevenson High School.

Many of the 105 in attendance qualified for the Illinois State Leadership Conference in Springfield, Illinois, the next step on the journey to the National Leadership Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah this summer.

The following FBLA members that competed were: Matthew Konke, Krista Zimmer, Ryan Conley, Taylor Latza, Andrea Penesis, Natalie Vondracek, Lisa Kuriakose, Samantha Lund, Stephanie Mago, Anna George, Quinn Hiles, Hayley Walters, Shalini Kolli, Thomas Farber, Julia Farber, Diya Tibrewala, Olivia Wong, Nathan Denny, Matthew Rene, Ria Kakarlapudi, Shria Halkoda, Pavithra Yarlagaadda, Perry Torres, Dhruval Bhatt, Stanley DeCastro, Kunal Sharma, Pedro Conti, Precious Mago, Cameron Cohen, Kaitlyn Kiesler, Nithin Chinnaswamy, Kevin Song, Darsh Gupta, Anushka Agashe, Kennedy Cano, Leslie Lopez, Danielle Aguado, Peter Micksch, Sravya Jayanti, Sydney Papierniak, Casey Miasek, Ishaan Shah, Kayla Weekes, Nooreen Ahmed, Hafsa Khallel, Jacob Kora, Ayesha Mohammed, Blaise Varughese, Anantya Kasturi, Grace Liu, Rohan Iyer, Kevin Patel, Jaison Payawal, Minahil Raheel, Ayesha Sultan, Peyton Abraham, Grace Bevers, Fatima Naveed, Arjun Shah, Alexie Laya, Kendal Parr, Annalise Schmidt, Ayesha Baig, Hailey Conger, Brayden Sweeney, Kenith Taukolo, Karthik Pullala, Anika Agashe, Alexis Ehlebracht, Yash Sharma, Joe Dunnigan, Bharat Pullala, Niharika Sapra, Lena Groth, Priyal Patel, Adnan Sarancic, Harley Yoder, Yuvraj Chauhan, Adarsh Dayalan, Steven Isaac, Ifra Waris, Sohom Dash, Jack Hovey, Brian Rapanan, Lucia Rodriguez, Jordan Gamburg, Kashyap Ramachandrala, Faith Sammons, Maria Gama, Neema Salim, Lauren Best, Sohini Dash, Nick Steinhilber, Sanjiv Kondin, Diya Iyer, Rutvik Sayankar, Faraaz Baig, Shan De Castro, Jairene Ofilanda, Antrita Manduva, Reena Pinapala, Daniel Duenas, Julie Salgado, Maxine Elloian, Matthew Kuriakose.

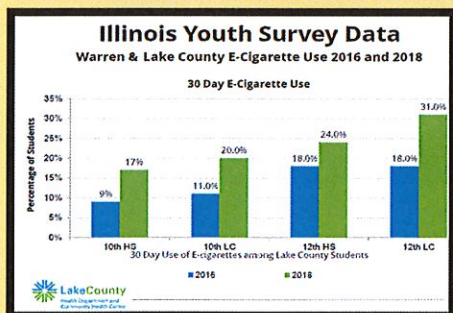
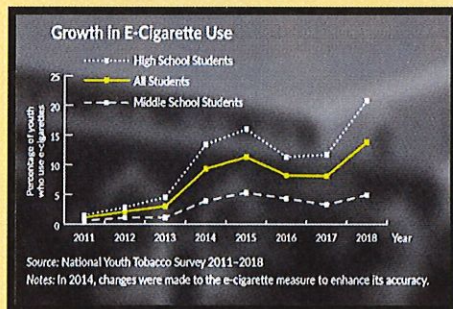
News From Student Services

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

Vaping 101: What Parents Need to Know

The Dangers of Vaping

Prior to the Open House events at both campuses, the Deans of Students provided an informative seminar about the grave dangers of vaping. This is a growing epidemic amongst teenagers across the country. We hope you were able to attend. Please see the alarming statistics below along with links for resources. The presentation also included our School Resource Officers who clarified the marijuana law and its impact on our schools. If you have any questions, please contact a student service team member.



Resource Links

Partnership for Drug-Free Kids

<https://drugfree.org/>

Know the Risks

<https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/default.htm>

Green Relief

<https://www.greenrelief.ca/>

Happy February and Black History Month! Our Student Service staff are preparing for the home stretch of the school year. The final stretch includes our normal programming in addition to depression screening, testing, assisting seniors finalizing post-secondary choices and working with underclassmen to proactively plan next year. This time of year students face all different kinds of stressors that may impact them academically, socially or emotionally. We are here to help! Please reach out to a counselor, social worker or school psychologist. Finally, please continue to remind your student to focus on consistent attendance. If your student is not here, we can't help them. In the State of Illinois you are considered a chronic absentee/truant if you miss more than 10% of the school year which includes excused absences. Students are expected to miss less than eight days each semester. Missing beyond eight days puts you at risk for graduating on time.

I'm First Club



Did you know WTHS launched an *I'm First* Club this school year? The *I'm First* Club is designed for students who are the first generation of students in their family to attend a college or university in the United States. This club provides information about the college search and application process, financial aid, scholarships, ACT and SAT testing, transitioning to college and more. The club meets after school in the College and Career Center at our Almond Campus. New members are always welcome!

For more information, contact Mrs. McGahan or Mrs. Hartley.



Depression and Suicide Screening

At Warren, we believe it is important to focus on the whole student paying close attention to the emotions that are often associated with teen years. These years are marked by a rollercoaster of emotions, which may be difficult for teens.

We will be presenting the Signs of Suicide (SOS) Prevention Program to all of our freshmen in health classes during second semester. We also provided this information during the first semester. This is a school-based suicide prevention program presented by *Elyssa's Mission*, a nonprofit organization dedicated to suicide prevention. This is a evidenced-based program that addresses suicide risk and depression, while reducing suicide attempts. A special thank you to our social workers for implementing this program.

For more information, go to *Elyssa's Mission* website at: www.elyssasmission.org

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Principal's Corner at the Almond Campus

by Rob Parrott

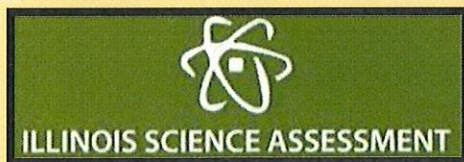


Perfect Attendance

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 November, we had 669 students who had perfect attendance! Congratulations to the 20 students who were randomly selected.

Kayleigh Aaron, Allaya Mahone, Jack Batz, Rebecca Nielsen, Ashley Block, Thomas Nunez, Emily Craig, Remington Page, Jaime Flores, Grace Towson, Aidan Godsey, Sydney Troy, Zachary Hampton, Anna Villa, Ainsley Hanner, Spencer Wait, Macy Kocen, Ifra Waris, Margaret Lewis, and Arneisha Wilson.



All juniors at the Almond Campus will take the Illinois Science Assessment on Friday, March 13, 2020

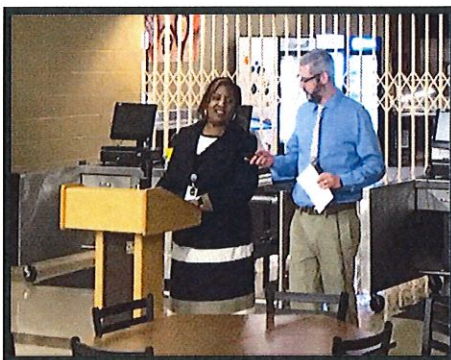
This is a new requirement in the 2019-2020 school year for juniors by the Illinois State Board of Education. In order to facilitate the exam to all juniors on March 13, **seniors will not be in attendance that day.** This would be a great day for seniors to schedule any last minute college campus visits before making their college/university choice.

This is similar to our upcoming SAT testing day for all juniors on April 14, 2020. Seniors are also not in attendance on April 14, 2020 at the Almond Campus. More information and details about the testing schedule for these two dates will be sent out to parents in the coming weeks.

Open House and Parent Session on Vaping

Second semester is off to a great start. The Almond Campus held our second semester Open House on January 30, 2020. This night allowed our parents to meet their student's teachers and discuss the individual

progress they are making socially and academically in their class. Many parents were in attendance, and I always appreciate seeing our staff and parents work together to help make our students successful.



We also hosted a workshop during our open house for our parents. It was a session on *Vaping and E-Cigarettes: What Parents Need to Know*. Our deans presented information from 7:00 p.m. in the Almond Campus cafeteria. This short presentation provided parents information on an increasing trend among students across the country.

We held our second safety-lockdown drill of the school year on January 16, 2020, at the Almond Campus to practice our emergency procedures. This was coordinated with local law enforcement so they could be on campus to participate in the exercise. That week, we had our staff share information with our students about the **"See Something, Say Something"** campaign that is promoted by the Department of Homeland Security.

**IF YOU SEE
SOMETHING,
SAY SOMETHING.**

We recognize that we are all responsible for our safety and want our students to know that they play an important role in communicating any concerns they have to our staff. We want them to know that if they see something that concerns them, they should say something to an adult. Our staff also communicated what students should do if they are in locations throughout the building (i.e. cafeteria, hallway, restroom, library, etc.) and an emergency drill took place. The safety of our staff and students is extremely important to me, and I want you to be aware that we review and practice our plans and procedures on a regular basis.

Principal's Corner at the O'Plaine Campus

by Michele Bertola

Happy Winter! Although it is cold outside, we are still working hard and focusing on what needs to get done here at Warren to push ourselves to get better every day. Below are some important reminders of our work and how you can help support our mission of getting better together:

Starting Strong and Wellness

We started second semester by challenging students to start strong and own their learning. At Seminar we asked students to reflect on what they did well first semester and areas that they can improve or work harder this semester. Ask your student what goal they created to help them get better this semester. We continue to challenge students to make healthy choices as they navigate the work/life balance. Our school resource officer spoke to all health classes about responsible technology use and the dangers of sexting. Our social workers and psychologists partnered with *Elyssa's Mission* to educate students on mental health and completed depression screenings for freshmen. On February 14, 2020, our social workers and psychologists will have an activity at lunch centered around information on healthy relationships.

Open House

We had our second semester Open House on Thursday, February 6. Thank you for those that attended. Please continue to utilize PowerSchool and be in touch with your student's teachers on any concerns or questions you may have. Thank you to those who attended the Dean's Presentation on Vaping. The link for the resources shared is https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZhkantsUOfaVT_dLSYttK4dgl0tV0jHd/view

Safety

We held our second safety-lockdown drill of the school year at the O'Plaine Campus to practice our emergency procedures. This was coordinated with local law enforcement so they could be on campus to participate in the exercise. We also had our staff share information with our students about the "**See Something, Say Something**" campaign that is promoted by the Department of Homeland Security. We recognize that we are all responsible for our safety and want our students to know that they play an important role in communicating any concerns they have to our staff. We want them to know that if they see something that concerns them, they should say something to an adult. Our staff also communicated what students should do if they are in locations throughout the building (i.e. cafeteria, hallway, restroom, library, etc.) and an emergency drill took place. The safety of our staff and students is extremely important to me, and I want you to be aware that we review and practice our plans and procedures on a regular basis.



O'Plaine Campus Attendance

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 have perfect attendance for the month and for the school year and award students a \$10 gift card. For the month of January, we had 658 students with perfect attendance and the following students were randomly selected: Lucien Amoa, Qiara Merritt, Natalie Nelson, Thenuka Paramanathan, and Audrey Song.

Student Leadership

Students volunteer to welcome classmates on Friday mornings as part of our Welcome Crew. We also have students that meet regularly with our Administrative team to give feedback on school culture and work together on suggested improvement. Any students that are interested in being a part of my Principal Leadership team or looking for other leadership opportunities can see me.



News about Athletics

by Becky Belmont, Director of Athletics



As of February 7th . . .

Girls Gymnastics Team competed in the IHSA Regional on February 6. Congratulations to freshman, Olivia Kaether, for placing 5th on vault and advancing to the Sectional, senior Sharon Dhali, for placing 4th on floor exercise and the all-around to advance to the Sectional and junior Kayleigh Glickley qualified at large on the vault.

Congratulations to coaches Brad Janeczek and Jim Ouimette and the Wrestling team for their success in the IHSA Regional. Warren had seven out of 14 wrestlers advance to Sectionals. Cameron Domke and Joel Vandervere each won a Regional Championship. Isaiah Parker, Gino Ortiz, Armando Barrandey, Faris Abdallah and Zach Dabney also placed and advanced to the Sectional. Sophomore Zach Sutor and Senior Jiang Lei Steinlein each placed 4th and will have a chance to be an alternate next week in the sectional tournament.

Congratulations to senior Brianna Haith who earned a 4th place medal in the IHSA Girls Bowling Regional and advanced to the Sectional as an individual by averaging 197 over the 6 game series (1186 total pinfall). Coaches are K.C. Lange and Lucia Johnson.

Upcoming Events

- March 2
Spring Sports Tryouts
- March 11
Winter Athletic Awards Night
- March 13
Spring Athletic Fee Due Date

Warren Township High School District 121 is a member of the following athletic organizations:

Illinois High School Association (IHSA), which competes in phases of competition tournaments: sectionals, regionals and state.

North Suburban Conference (NSC), competes against eight nearby high schools throughout the season and ends with a conference tournament.

National Letter of Intent Signees

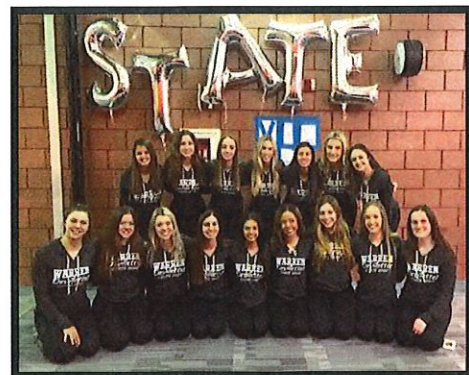
Congratulations to the following athletes for making the commitment to play collegiate athletics:



Baseball	Mikey Kocen, Triton College
	Reece Lawler, University of Iowa
	Ryan Scanlon, Carthage College
Football	Nelson Austria, Denison University
	Jaden Gregerson, Robert Morris University
	Connor Lange, Robert Morris University
	Jaiden Lowery, Robert Morris University
	Christian Phillips, Robert Morris University
Lacrosse	Theresa Carpentier, Benedictine University
	Carson Ghys, Augustana College
Soccer	Matthew Alcala, Concordia University Wisconsin
	Nolan Ehlers, University of Wisconsin Whitewater
	Sarah Hubbartt, William Penn University
	Morgan Liebau, Winona State University
	Clayton Mobile, University of Wisconsin Platteville
Swimming and Diving	Trinity Springer, Valparaiso University
Tennis	Sabrina Mella, North Central College

Congratulations to the Devilettes on their 11th place finish at the IHSA State Dance Competition

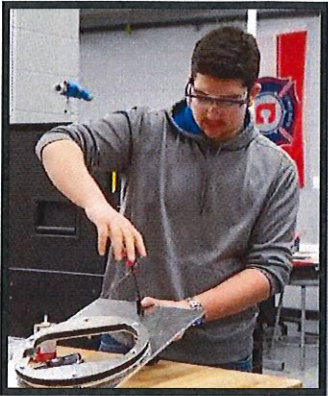
Team members are: Christine Budil, Bella Cram, Nikki Gromala, Audrey Heiserman, Paige Hiles, Vanessa Javalera, Jacqueline Landry, Margaret Lewis, Emma Marsh, Jana Moberly, Natalie Musick, Jessica Payawal, Lucia Rodriguez, Sophia Staranowicz, Paige Tibbitts, Caitlyn Ward. The team is coached by Brittnei Tengler.



News about Activities

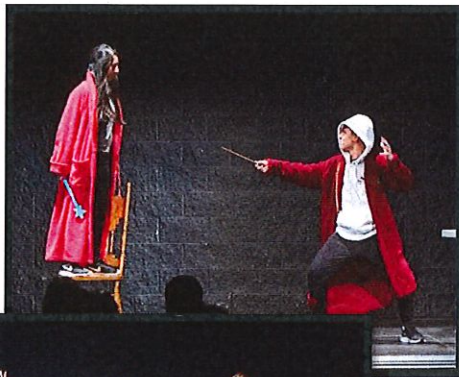
by Aimee Lonigro, Assistant Director of Athletics and Activities Coordinator

Congratulations Math Team! Warren took 2nd place overall in their competition on February 5. Special recognition to Athirai Ambikkumar for 2nd place in the oralist competition, and Warren's freshmen team that brought home 1st place.



Trident Robotics is finishing up construction on their robot, in preparation for their upcoming competitions in March.

Congratulations to the Drama Club for raising over \$1000 with the 24-hour theatre performance. Sponsors are: Adam Miller and Janice Zimmerman



Important Dates

February 22
Turnabout Dance
7:00 p.m. Almond Cafeteria

February 27
Black History Month Celebration
7:00 p.m. O'Plaine Auditorium

March 6
Mr. Warren Pageant
7:00 p.m. O'Plaine Auditorium

March 6/7
Contest Play
7:00 p.m. Almond Black Box

March 13
Winter Guard Show
7:00 p.m. Almond Gymnasium

Thank you to Speech team sponsors Christina Cooper, Jamie Griffiths, Mike Anglemire, and Jessica Diaz for hosting the IHSA Regional on February 8. Congratulations to Emily Gutknecht- Regional Champion in Special Occasion Speaking and Ishan Patel- Regional Champion in Original Oratory. The team took 4th place overall and will advance to the Sectional. Team members are: Mateo Castro, Emily Gutknecht, Brooke Moeller, Ishan Patel, Emma Schoenherr, and Matthew Zechiel.

Turnabout Winter Dance February 22, 2020

The Turnabout Winter Dance will take place on
Saturday, February 22, 2020
from 7:00--10:00 p.m.
at the Almond Campus.

Tickets will go on sale February 17, 2020.

The Winter Dance is for
Warren Township High School students only.