

Warren Township High School District 121

Warren Connection: End of the School Year

May 19, 2020



Dear WTHS Community,

As we wrap up the 2019-20 school year, this edition of our Warren Connection shares some district news and celebrates highlights from many of our students and staff. This edition also contains reminders about several of our end-of-year procedures, which we have planned to care of in a safe manner. Our June 2020 edition will highlight our 2020-21 strategic planning goals, and our July 2020 edition will celebrate our WTHS graduating Class of 2020.

Thanks to all for working together during the last two months as remote learning and living became a reality for our world. We will continue to provide information over the summer as to plans for the fall as the summer progresses. Stay safe and healthy!



2020-2021 School Year Information

Online registration for all students will open during the week of May 26. Parents and students will receive a notification regarding the online process for completing registration for the 2020-21 school year.

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



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Home of the
Blue Devils

Grab-and-Go-Meals Mondays and Thursdays through June 15

Since the onset of the eLearning implementation, WTHS has been providing free meals to eligible students through a Grab-and-Go meal program.

***No delivery
on Monday,
May 25, 2020**

The program provides for the distribution of approximately 600 meals twice per week at six identified locations throughout the WTHS community. We anticipate this program will continue through Monday, June 15, 2020.

A special thank you to Quest Food Service for helping us initiate the process and the meal preparation, which occurs at our O'Plaine campus.

2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

WTHS Almond Campus Main Entrance
34090 N. Almond Road, Gurnee

WTHS O'Plaine Campus Main Entrance
500 N. O'Plaine Road, Gurnee

Brookhaven Apartments
150 Greenhaven Lane, Gurnee

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Park City Teen Center
333 Teske Boulevard, Park City

Green Valley Apartments/Park Terrace Apartments
4100 Greenleaf Court, Park City

Continental Village
Continental Drive and Abbington Court, Waukegan

Summer Hours 2020 June 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020

While we are working remotely as much as possible, 12-month staff may be in the buildings on an as-needed basis. The campuses (school buildings and athletic fields) will remain closed. However, the public may contact staff and conduct their business during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Parents and students may make an appointment after 3:30 p.m. through virtual means, if necessary; however, access to the campuses and buildings will be restricted. The District will be closed for all staff on Fridays.

Board of Education News

Staff Recognitions for Years of Service at WTHS

On February 28, the Board of Education recognized the accomplishments of staff members who are retiring this year and reaching years of service goals at Warren Township High School. Congratulations to the following staff members.



Retirees

Julie Filippo, 15 years
Christopher Jenkins, 28 years
Michael Leafblad, 10 years
Mary Losavio, 29 years
Laura McClory, 18 years
David Mohapp, 23 years
William Roach, 15 years
Eleanor Strakusek, 13 years

Thirty Years

Lisa Metcalf

Twenty-Five Years

Rebecca Belmont
Diane Ellis
Dr. Alana Halsne-Baarda
Cynthia Ruiz
Christopher Stock
Elizabeth Webster

Twenty Years

Cheryl Anderson
Michele Bertola
Andrew Boncher
Robert Burrill
John Cerauli
Erin Cross
John Hergenreder
Holly Jedryszek
Nathan Karasek
Virgil Laning
Andrea Mace
Sean Mahoney
Chadwick Miller
Michael Morris
Patricia Shea
Cindy Spino

Fifteen Years

Mary Anderson
Xhevahir Bodani
Susan Bratton
Corey Denny
Shannon Edler
Angela Wiermanski
Kevin Gill
Rebecca Haapanen
Mary Hill
John Hillis
Jane Humphrey
Kelda Hutson
Glen Johnson
Mathew Kolakowski
Mark Leech
Michael Lencioni
Toni Ludwig
Carole McCulley
Trisha McElvain
Mark Mika
Kathrine Mohr
Geoffrey Olson
Maudie Pfeuffer
William Roach
Shari Roehl
John Schmitt
Kelly Stites
Keith Stocker
Viesturs Teivans
David Zaban

Ten Years

Randy Caldwell
Susan Cook
Ryan Davis
Bethany Ginter
Marilyn Huckabee
Louis Klein
Ryan Korah
Justin Kramer
John Lundeberg
Thomas Malkowski
Alexi Meza
Hope Myli
Yvonne Neal
Amber Nowacki
Mathew Owen
Cheryl Penna
Corey Pitchford
Heather Stewart

Recap of April 28, 2020 - Board of Education Meeting

Announcements, recognitions, presentations and/or reports were provided for the following items:

- Monthly Reports, March 2020
- Treasurer's Reports, March 2020
- Coronavirus Update and Related Topics
- Finance Committee Meeting, April 30, 2019
- Safety Committee, May 1, 2019

The Board approved the following items:

- First and Final Reading and Approval of Board Policy 2:230-TR, Temporary Rules for Public Participation at School Board Meetings during COVID-19 Emergency
- Acceptance of Gifts to the District
- Approval of Personnel Recommendations for 10 employees and/or candidates
- Approval of the payment of bills in the amount of \$4,521,468.59
- Approval of regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes of March 17, 2020
- Approval of VIP Photography Services for FY21
- Approval of Engagement Letter with Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd. For the Fiscal Year 2020 Audit
- Authorization for Abatement of Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund
- Approval of Resolution for Preparation of Tentative Amended Budget for FY2020
- Approval of Medical, Vision, Dental, and Life Insurance Premiums with Educational Benefits Cooperative for the 2020-2021 School Year
- Approval of Printer/Copier Fleet Upgrade and Service Contract with Image Systems and Business Solutions
- Approval of Proposal with Trane Building Services for the Almond Campus Head End Room
- Approval of 2020 Summer Workers for Technology and Buildings and Grounds Departments
- Approval of continued pursuit of a referendum question related to a tax rate increase on the April 2021 ballot
- Approval of Spain Trip Proposal for March 21-27, 2021
- Approval of Society Studies Trip Proposal to Dublin and London, March 21-27, 2021
- Acknowledgement of Correction from the March 17, 2020 Board meeting on the Resolution Abating Working Cash Funds to the Debt Service Fund

Recap of May 12, 2020 - Board of Education Meeting

Announcements, recognitions, presentations and/or reports were provided for the following items:

- Recognition of Warren's Teacher of Year
- Coronavirus Update and Related Topics

The Board approved the following items:

- Approval of Personnel Recommendation for 4 employees and/or candidates
- Approval of the payment of bills in the amount of \$587,003.40
- Approval of regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes of April 28, 2020
- Approval of the FY21 Consolidated District Plan
- First and Final Reading of District Board Policy 6:300, Graduation Requirements
- Approval of Amendment to Administrator Contract for Asst. Superintendent of Business Services and Operations
- Approval to Expend Funds for the 2020-2021 School Year
- Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Taxable Tax Anticipation Warrants

WTHS Board of Education

Paul Schulz, President
John R. Anderson, Vice-President
Jim Walz, Secretary

Bency Beals, Member
Tony DeMonte, Member
Thomas Drake, Member
Jonita C. Wilson, Member

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. John P. Ahlgrim, Superintendent of Schools



Referendum Question Postponed

At the April 26, 2020 meeting, the Board of Education modified the timelines associated with the current potential referendum question plan due to the pandemic. While the financial challenges of the District remains a very critical issue, the Board approved a recommendation to postpone a potential operating tax rate increase question on the April 2021 ballot.

This decision for a postponement focused on two very important reasons. The first is that the District's planning process depends on the Community Task Force being able to gather to collaborate and take ownership of the process, which logistically is not possible from a distance. Secondly and more important, more immediate priorities have emerged due to the pandemic.

Our WTHS community is working together to focus on immediate health, stress and financial security issues for our families.

The District anticipates picking up our task force work associated with a potential April 2021 referendum question in the fall.

Looking Ahead . . . Newsletter Features



The June edition of the Warren Connection will feature the 2020-21 Strategic Plan Goals and Timelines.

For more information about Warren's overall strategic plan, check the website at <https://www.d121.org/Page/276>

The July edition of the Warren Connection will feature the Class of 2020.



Laura Oeffling Named Warren Township High School's Gurnee Teacher of the Year

Math teacher Laura Oeffling has been voted by her colleagues as Warren Township High School's 2019-20 Gurnee Teacher of the Year. Each school year, the Village of Gurnee recognizes three Gurnee teachers, including one from Warren Township High School District 121, Gurnee School District 56 and Woodland School District 50. The Gurnee Teacher of the Year receives a \$1,000 honorarium.



Oeffling has served in education for 30 years, teaching at Warren Township High School for the last 23 years and Waukegan High School during her first seven years. She loves teaching because the classroom offers a unique work environment.

"Students enter, often knowing nothing about a topic—say, for example, the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus—and then leave 45 minutes later with a good working understanding of it. That is thrilling," said Oeffling.

Oeffling believes math is its own language of sorts, and once students are taught how to speak it, a whole new world can open up for them. She also believes that organization and preparation are the most important tools in the toolbox of success, both in and out of the classroom.

One of Oeffling's fondest memories is working with former mathematics teacher and Assistant Superintendent Willi Gehrig to pinpoint specific ways to help students find success in the school's AP Calculus program.

"We set high goals, tracked the kids' progress, offered continued support and never lowered the standards for success," Oeffling said. "Getting the kids to buy into the challenge and rise to the standards set for them, while providing the support they needed to be successful, has been very rewarding."

"Laura is the role model for student-centered teaching," said Dr. John Ahlgrim, Warren Township High School District 121 Superintendent. "The time and commitment she dedicates in and out of the classroom to help her students reach their potential on an individual basis is second to none. We are so proud to help recognize her as our Gurnee Teacher of the Year."

Oeffling has truly appreciated the WTHS administration and the support they have provided the staff over the years. She is also very appreciative of the many brilliant, hard-working and fun peer teachers with whom she has been privileged to work.

"I understand that some kids will use math in their future careers and others will not. But whatever their future holds, I hope that one thing they all take away from their time in my math class is the knowledge of what it feels like to be really challenged and the confidence to persevere, work through it and overcome," Oeffling said. "Above all, this is the skill I want them to all walk away with for life."

Oeffling holds a bachelor's degree from Marquette University and a master's degree from DePaul University, both in mathematics education.

News from Instructional Services

by Christopher J. Geocar, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services

These past eight weeks have been a unique time in all of our lives. I have been and continue to be incredibly proud of all our students and our teachers for their resilience and adaptability as we have moved our instruction to an online format. We are committed to providing a world-class education for all of our students, and our teachers have worked tirelessly to do just that over the past few months.

Thank you to our teachers for your hard work and dedication to your students' learning and emotional well-being, and thank you to our students and families for your patience as we implemented new systems and instructional strategies. We are so proud of the work taking place!

Testing Updates

Spring testing was also dramatically altered this year. We have not received word from the State of Illinois about rescheduling the state-sponsored SAT that was canceled this spring, but we are hoping to learn more over the summer. We will communicate that information as soon as we have it.

Advanced Placement (AP) students this year had to adapt to some major changes in the format of their AP exams. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students are taking their AP exams online in their homes. The students have been working very hard to prepare the necessary content and skills to be successful on these high-stakes exams. Exams began May 11 and will run through May 22. We wish our students the best of luck on these exams, and thank you to all our AP teachers for helping students prepare.

Textbook and Calculator Rental Collection

Students who have textbooks at home and/or who have rented a calculator this year should return these items to their campus. Curbside drop-off of these materials will take place at both the Almond and O'Plaine campuses May 18 - May 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Seniors can drop off these items during cap and gown distribution.

Summer School

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our summer school program will be delivered online this year. Information regarding the program is available on the [Summer School Page](#) of our website. We have also communicated with students who have enrolled for this summer.

Chromebooks

Graduating seniors will be able to keep their Chromebooks at no additional cost, as long as all registration fees have been paid. Students may find information on our [Senior Technology Page](#) on how to reset their Chromebook for personal use. This process should be completed after May 22.



Class of 2020 Graduation Requirements Modified

At the May 12 Board meeting, the Board of Education approved a modification to District Board Policy 6:300, Graduation Requirements, only for the class of 2020. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and as a result of Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-31, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has granted school districts the ability to adjust graduation requirements for students in the graduating class of 2020. The spirit of this modification is to try and ensure that no graduation candidates were denied graduation due to the pandemic during their final semester.

The ISBE provided guidance to school districts regarding implementation of this executive order, which states that all graduation requirements can be reduced by .5 credit per subject area to account for the academic impact during the current semester. These changes only apply to students in the Class of 2020. All other students will be held to existing graduation requirements.

For Warren Township High School, we are decreasing the graduation requirements in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Fine Arts and other electives each by .5 credit. This also results in an overall decrease of 3.5 credits necessary for the Class of 2020. Each year, including this year, the great majority of our seniors earn many more than the standard 22.5 credits in our Board Policy 6:300. Additionally, ISBE has waived the SAT participation and constitution test graduation requirements for members of the class of 2020, which are also waived as part of our amended district Board policy 6:300.

In The Classroom

Our staff have worked hard to adapt instruction during eLearning. Mr. Vanlaningham, a Government and Economics teacher at the O'Plaine campus, started eLearning by creating a series of YouTube videos to help explain to his students the economic side of the Covid-19 pandemic and the government's stimulus response. His videos were both funny and informational. Here is a link to one of them: <https://youtu.be/Zwub8LZ3Bt4>

News From Student Services

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



Online Registration

Information regarding the opening of the online registration process for the 2020-21 school year will be sent out to the parents and guardians of returning students, incoming freshmen and students new to the district who have already met with the registrar, the week of May 26.



A new aspect to our online registration process includes the ability for parents and guardians to upload proof of residency documents and school physical/immunization forms.

Please complete the online registration process to update demographic information, sign for the Student-Parent Handbook and other electronic consent forms before July 29, 2020.

From the Fine Arts Department

Thank you to our Fine Arts staff for their outstanding work creating this year's virtual Fine Arts Festival in spite of our remote learning status. The Fine Arts department continues to highlight wonderful contributions from our students in this annual celebration of the arts.

Art Staff - Kate Knutson, Keith Stocker, Carole McCulley, Lena Jansma and Beth Keslinke, and Rocco Oddo (Fine Arts department lead teacher)

Music and Theatre Staff – Chris Jenkins, Dave Tribbley, Kurt Gros, Ben Westphal, Adam Miller and Janice Zimmerman

The Art Gallery Virtual Tour

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6cZA3xr88U>

Performances Video Tour – Shakespeare Slam, Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, Giggles-n-Bits and Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q12EktuZq7g&t=671s>

Incoming Freshmen Physicals

To comply with Illinois School Code, Section 27-8, it is mandatory that all freshman students, students new to high school and transfer students who were not previously examined for ninth grade have a physical examination and dental examination, along with verification of the minimum immunizations on file before starting school.

Early Turn In of Physicals

We know this is a difficult time to be thinking about visiting the doctor's office; however, it is important that students receive well visits prior to starting school. We are confident medical offices are taking the precautions necessary to serve you.

In an effort to eliminate being present at registration or standing in lines, we ask parents to upload the documents to streamline the process. Parents are encouraged to turn in their students' physical form in early and avoid the nurse's line at registration.

- ✓ The physical can be uploaded during the online registration process within PowerSchool in May.
- ✓ The physical can be emailed to onurse@wths.net, faxed to 847-599-4679 or returned to Warren Township High School before registration to take advantage of the early turn-in process. For now, we have a security officer at the front desk to accept paperwork from you.

Students will not be allowed to begin classes until nurses have verified that the physical and immunization requirements have been met. Physicals and immunization records submitted after registration may delay the student's start date.

Our nurses will review your student's physical and notify you of any problems before registration. Parents who do not take advantage of the early option must bring the physical and wait in line to see the nurse at registration. Any 9th grade physical (not a sports physical) within one year prior to our first day of school on August 15, 2019, will be sufficient.

Incoming Senior Mandatory Vaccination

Vaccines for meningococcal disease have long been on the list of inoculations that the CDC recommends for adolescents, especially before they head off to college. Effective January 1, 2015, all students entering the 6th and 12th grades are required to receive the vaccination.

Therefore, all students entering 12th grade will be required to show proof of recent meningococcal conjugate vaccination (MCV). All 12th graders who received their first dose prior to their 16th birthday must have a second dose on or after their 16th birthday. If receiving the first dose on or after their 16th birthday, only one dose is required. This vaccination will prevent children from contracting a severe bacterial meningitis, as well as other illnesses caused by the bacterium.

Some students may have already received this vaccine, as it has been recommended for various populations in the past. In this case, you would simply provide the school health office with verification of receiving the meningococcal conjugate vaccine. Documentation accepted as complying with the new state law requirement includes:

- ✓ A letter or note signed by your healthcare provider identifying the date the MCV was administered.
- ✓ A printout from your provider's electronic medical record (EMR) that indicates the vaccine was administered.
- ✓ A current Certificate of Child Health Examination form, specifying the date the MCV was administered.

Students will not be allowed to begin classes until nurses have verified that the physical and immunization requirements have been met. Physicals and immunization records submitted after registration may delay the student's start date.

In addition to your health care provider, many local health departments and pharmacies offer the vaccine. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends that parents get their adolescent vaccinated now to avoid a last-minute rush during the summer. Once you have obtained or verified that your child has been immunized with the Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine, please upload the document during the registration process. You may also fax it to 847-548-7171, email it to rnitto@wths.net or drop it off with the security officer at the front desk at the Almond campus. We will enter the information into PowerSchool throughout the summer. Again, we are hopeful parents and guardians can upload all documents to decrease or eliminate contact during the summer.

News from Business Services and Operations

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

District Funding Challenges and District Financial Responses

The District continues to face significant financial concerns related to insufficient revenue in our annual budget and low overall accessible fund balances. As a result the school district did not have enough general funds to account for the expenses anticipated in May, June and July. Recently, the District executed two financial levers to help in the short term.

Transferring Funds - At the April 29, 2020 meeting, the Board approved the transfer of \$2.625 million from the working cash fund to the education fund to help with a cash flow challenge the District was anticipating due to low fund balances. This lack of funds was also magnified by additional revenue shortages the District experienced this spring due to our remote learning status. This \$2.625 million was specifically earmarked for cash flow and future projects in a November 2018 issuance of \$23 million in working cash bonds. The District intends on returning this \$2.625 million from the education fund to the working cash fund after annual tax revenues are received.

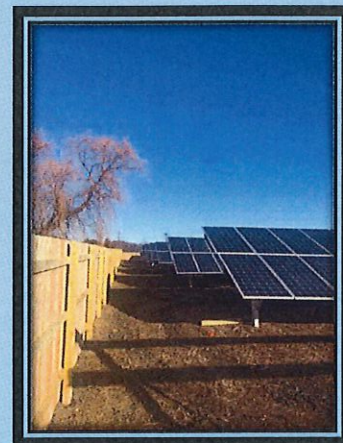
Tax Anticipation Warrants - Additionally, at the May 14 meeting, the Board of Education approved a resolution allowing for the short-term borrowing of up to \$12 million through the issuance of Tax Anticipation Warrants (TAWs). These TAWs will provide the District with funds necessary to pay for expenses over the next several months. Lake County has established a delayed county tax distribution plan for this year, and the school district will not have enough funds on hand to cover summer obligations based on the distribution schedule. The District will attempt to minimize costs and interest associated with these TAWs.

Solar Project Update

On October 18, 2019, District 121 officially began the construction of a solar project on the south end of our Almond Campus along Gages Lake Road, through a partnership with Performance Services Inc. (PSI). The project rests on two parcels on both sides of the Warren Township High School entrance road on land that was previously unused.

In October 2019, the project began with tree removal and excavation of the site. This process ultimately transitioned into post installation, rack assembly and solar panel installation, as well as the fence construction and the boring and installation of the underground cabling. The wiring connections have been completed and landscaping around the site has begun and will continue for several months.

Currently, we are anticipating the system will be energized on or around June 1—approximately one month ahead of schedule. Once energized, the system will generate enough electricity to account for nearly all the energy usage at our Almond Campus, saving the district approximately an average of \$300,000 in annual operating costs. This project is also a very significant step in our efforts to be more environmentally conscious.

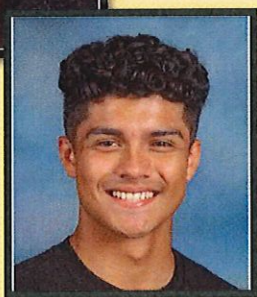


Principal's Corner at the Almond Campus

by Rob Parrott

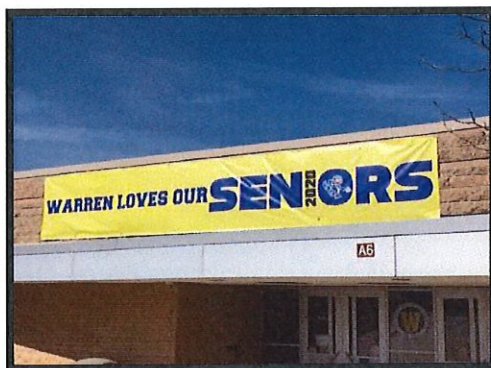
Congratulations

Congratulations to Zarina Ade Morgan and Jaime Flores, who were selected this year as the recipients of the Illinois Principals Association for their commitment to leadership and excellence. Although the recognition ceremony was canceled this year, we are very proud of these two seniors and the great work they did at Warren. They both have very bright futures ahead of them, and I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors!



Congratulations to the 227 students of the 1,006 graduation candidates who will be graduating with academic honors this year for having a minimum cumulative 3.9 GPA at the end of their seventh semester of high school! Students this year are being honored via a virtual ceremony. As the principal of the Almond Campus and on behalf of the entire faculty, staff and administration, I congratulate each of you and your families for your hard work and perseverance throughout your high school career.

I hope this message finds you safe and healthy! To all of our students, our staff misses you, and we are thinking about you. I continue to be thankful for the respect, resilience and engagement you have provided us as we navigate our eLearning environment. The end of the 2019-20 school year is fast approaching, and I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer.



Curbside Pick Up and Drop Off Dates for SENIOR STUDENTS at the Almond Campus Main Entrance

Senior Students May 27, 2020

- Last Names A-E from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Last Names F-L from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Senior Students May 28, 2020

- Last Names M-R from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Last Names S-Z from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

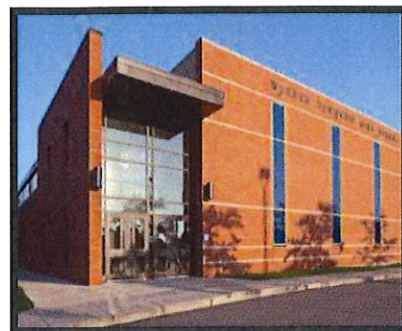
Curbside Pick up and Drop Off Dates for JUNIOR STUDENTS at the Almond Campus Main Entrance

Junior Students June 17, 2020

- Last Names A-E from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Last Names F-L from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Junior Students June 18, 2020

- Last Names M-R from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Last Names S-Z from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.



Our Class of 2020 postponed graduation date is on Sunday, July 12, at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates. We are still hopeful to host an in-person ceremony on that date and will communicate alternate plans should safety guidelines not allow us to gather and celebrate as planned.

Curbside Pickup and Drop Off

The school building will not be open for students to access on these two dates. We are currently working on cleaning out hallway and PE lockers, and we will have those items labeled and included in this process. Each student's bag will be individualized with their items and may include the following: Yearbook and/or Creations Magazine (if purchased), nurse's office records and any supplies/medications not yet returned, personal items from school/PE locker, and any awards/certificates from the guidance and/or athletic department. Students who are still in possession of school items (textbooks, loaner Chromebooks and/or chargers, rental calculators, uniforms, other borrowed school equipment, etc.) should bring all items in a PAPER or PLASTIC BAG and label it with your name and ID number. Bring the items on your assigned day and they will be collected at the drop station.

Principal's Corner at the O'Plaine Campus

by Michele Bertola

Happy May and the end of the 2019-20 school year! I hope you are all healthy and well.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a new challenge for all of us, and I am honored to be part of a community that comes together and makes the best of whatever comes our way. We miss our students greatly and are proud of the resiliency, respect and engagement they have shown as we navigate this eLearning experience.

Please continue to check your email and our district website, as we will continue to communicate important school information.



**Curbside Pick Up and Drop Off for
FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORE
STUDENTS
at the O'Plaine Campus –
East/O'Plaine Side Drive
June 17 and June 18**

O'Plaine Students

June 17, 2020

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O'Plaine Students

June 18, 2020

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Matter of Pride Awards

Congratulations to our Matter of Pride winners for April/May!

These students were nominated by their teachers for displaying academic excellence, academic improvement, leadership or acts of kindness during this challenging time:

Rebecca Katz, Anna Fragassi, Elizabeth Payson, Ecaterina Grisaeva, Christopher Varkey, Kaitlynn Rivera-Escalona, Trishelle (Shelly) Manila, Jayalakshmi (Jaya) Ganapathi-Subramanian, Seren Adams, Savannah Corbbins, Erik Bravo-Garcia, Alison Quiroz, Elena Meidel, Udai Singh, Prithika Karthikeyan, Liv Jespersen, Adam Faiz, Natalie Nelson, Caralyn Whalen, Chase Dolphin, Hayley Bolton, Kate Panagiotopoulos, Katherin Amaya-Yanes, Elysia Asidao, Kenneth Shi, Kahlia Williams, and Ashley Lopez.

Sophomore Send-Off

We will miss our sophomores as they transition to the Almond campus next year. Please make sure to watch [THIS VIDEO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNsM9TDsAEc&feature=youtu.be) as we wish our sophomores good luck in their next phase of high school.

News about Athletics

by Becky Belmont, Director of Athletics



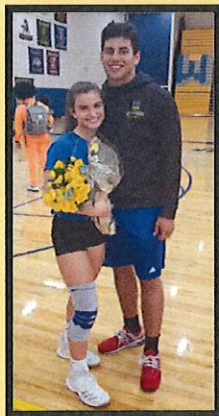
Message from the Illinois High School Association

The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) continues to monitor the guidance offered by the governor's office, the Illinois State Board of Education and state and local health departments. As we approach the upcoming phasing in of the Restore Illinois plan, we will provide some updates on that transition and opportunities for coaches with athletes.

The IHSA is working closely with our Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) and the NFHS SMAC to prepare some general guidelines for schools to use when resocialization and contact days of some form are able to resume. More information to come when plans are developed.

Athletes of the Year

Congratulations to seniors Juan Delacruz for being awarded Male Athlete of the Year and Sarah Barbosa for being awarded the Female Athlete of the Year.



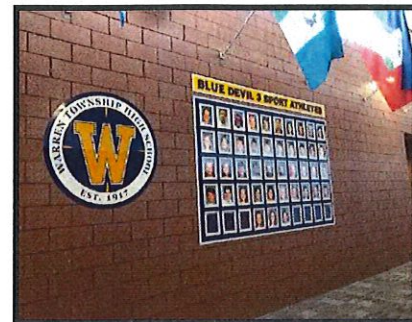
Warren Township High School District 121 is a member of the following athletic organizations:

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.

Congratulations to our Three Sport Athletes

Congratulations to our three-sport athletes for making the commitment to Warren Athletics. To recognize these fine student-athletes, the Athletic Department has created a display on the wall in the main hallway at the Almond Campus. This year, 43 student athletes are being showcased and their photos will remain on the wall until April 2021.



- Badgley, Charles - Golf, Basketball, Baseball
- Barbosa, Sara - Volleyball, Gymnastics, Soccer,
- Beard, Cameron - Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Water Polo,
- Bednarz, Jamie - Cheerleading, Cheerleading, Lacrosse
- Callahan, Cassius - Football, Basketball, Track and Field
- Chaney, Kyra - Dance, Dance, Track and Field
- Conner, Kacey - Volleyball, Cheerleading, Lacrosse,
- Cunningham, Gavin - Golf, Basketball, Volleyball,
- Ditiangkin, Alyla - Cheerleading, Cheerleading, Track and Field,
- Duffie, Jailen - Football, Basketball, Track and Field,
- Fayman, Maria - Cheerleading, Cheerleading, Lacrosse
- Gaertig, Lauren - Dance, Dance, Track and Field
- Glickley, Kayleigh - Volleyball, Gymnastics, Track and Field
- Gonzalez, Reyes - Football, Wrestling, Track and Field
- Harrigan, Ethan - Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Water Polo
- Hecker, Madison - Dance, Dance, Track and Field
- Hird, Philip - Football, Wrestling, Track and Field
- Kachurik, Colby - Football, Bowling, Volleyball
- Kaether, Olivia - Swimming and Diving, Gymnastics, Track and Field
- Kazi, Ayaan - Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Track and Field
- Kazik, Ariana - Dance, Dance, Lacrosse
- Keaskowski, Savannah - Tennis, Basketball, Softball
- McDermott, Logan - Football, Bowling, Volleyball
- Mo, Daniel - Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Water Polo
- Neely, DJ - Football, Wrestling, Baseball
- Niedospial, Johnathan - Football, Wrestling, Track and Field
- Peterson, Noah - Football, Basketball, Baseball
- Rasmussen, Domenick - Football, Wrestling, Lacrosse
- Rissmann, Erik - Football, Bowling, Track and Field
- Salido-Malpica, Cristobal - Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Water Polo
- Sellers, Samuel - Football, Wrestling, Track and Field
- Snyder, Jake Taylor - Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Water Polo
- Steffens, Kendall - Cheerleading, Cheerleading, Lacrosse
- Steinlein, Luke - Soccer, Wrestling, Track and Field
- Sundberg, Ryan - Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Water Polo
- Tatum, Alexis - Tennis, Basketball, Soccer
- Torres, Emilio - Soccer, Bowling, Volleyball
- Tuhacek, Julia - Cheerleading, Cheerleading, Lacrosse
- Walton, Jeremy - Football, Basketball, Baseball
- Wendland, Sofia - Cheerleading, Cheerleading, Lacrosse
- Wessberg, Dylan - Football, Wrestling, Lacrosse
- Wiser, Jacob - Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Track and Field
- Yoder, Chloe - Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Track and Field

National Letter of Intent Signees

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

Baseball

Thomas Kenney, University of St. Thomas

Girls Basketball

Macy Kocen, Aurora University

Girls Cross Country and Track and Field

Madison Juenger, Univ. of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

Football

Ethan McDermott, Aurora University

Girls Lacrosse

Riley Bishop, McKendree University

Boys Soccer

Krystofer Selega, Concordia Univ. Wisc.
Ben Cortes, Illinois Wesleyan University
Cory Melchor, Loras College
Josh Segura, Benedictine University

Girls Soccer

Elizabeth Weinberg, Carroll University

Boys Volleyball

Blake Diehl, North Central College
Matthew Cantanus, Illinois College

News about Activities

by Aimee Lonigro, Assistant Director of Athletics and Activities Coordinator

Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference

FBLA participated in a virtual State Leadership Conference, where students submitted videos of their presentations instead of performing them in person. They recorded with their partners via Zoom. Some had pre-written presentations, while others received a prompt to which they recorded a response within three days. We also had a group of testers that tested in their events before we moved to eLearning.



Despite the challenges, we were elated to find that 56 students qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference. NLC was originally going to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, but will instead be virtual, as well. Congratulations FBLA and sponsors Jessica Beck, Steve Vranek, Kelly Stites and Courtney Mills!

Anushka Agashe, Graphic Design, 1st Place
Dhruval Bhatt, Computer Game and Simulation, 1st Place
Kennedy Cano, Graphic Design, 1st Place
Yuvraj Chauhan, Mobile Application Development, 1st Place
Ryan Conley, Agribusiness, 1st Place
Adarsh Dayalan, Mobile Application Development, 1st Place
Nathan Denny, Business Law, 1st Place
Jordan Gamburg, Public Service Announcement, 1st Place
Darsh Gupta, Future Business Leader, 1st Place
Steven Isaac, Mobile Application Development, 1st Place
Diya Iyer, Social Media Campaign, 1st Place
Sravva Jayanti, Hospitality Management, 1st Place
Vaibhav Joshi, Computer Game and Simulation, 1st Place
Anantya Kasturi, Intro to Business Presentation, 1st Place
Grace Liu, Intro to Business Presentation, 1st Place
Fatima Naveed, Intro to Business Procedures, 1st Place
Sydney Papierniak, Hospitality Management, 1st Place
Margaret Perlstein, Hospitality Management, 1st Place
Kashyap Ramachandru, Public Service Announcement, 1st Place
Brian Rapanan, Parliamentary Procedure (Individual), 1st Place
Lucia Rodriguez, Community Service Project, 1st Place
Rutvik Sayankar, Social Media Campaign, 1st Place
Yash Sharma, Intro to Parliamentary Procedures, 1st Place
Kenith Taukolo, Intro to Financial Math, 1st Place
Krista Zimmer, Community Service Project, 1st Place
Sohom Dash, Parliamentary Procedure (Ind. and Team), 2nd Place
Ria Kakarlupdi, Job Interview, 2nd Place
Matthew Konke, Accounting II, 2nd Place
Peter Micksch, Help Desk, 2nd Place
Niharika Sapra, Intro to Public Speaking, 2nd Place
Adnan Sarancic, Marketing, 2nd Place
Annalise Schmidt, Intro to FBLA, 2nd Place

Brayden Sweeney, Intro to Financial Math, 2nd Place
Harley Yoder, Marketing, 2nd Place
Alexis Ehlebracht, Intro to Parliamentary Procedures, 3rd Place
Darsh Gupta, Local Chapter Annual Business Report, 3rd Place
Shria Halkoda, Business Plan, 3rd Place
Jack Hovey, Parliamentary Procedure (Individual), 3rd Place
Shalini Kolli, Partnership with Business, 3rd Place
Taylor Latza, Broadcast Journalism, 3rd Place
Kendal Parr, Intro to FBLA, 3rd Place
Andrea Penesis, Broadcast Journalism, 3rd Place
Adnan Sarancic, Local Chapter Annual Business Report, 3rd Place
Arjun Shah, Intro to Business Procedures, 3rd Place
Natalie Vondracek, Broadcast Journalism, 3rd Place
Ifra Waris, Organizational Leadership, 3rd Place
Kayla Weekes, Partnership with Business, 3rd Place
Pavithra Yarlagadda, Business Plan, 3rd Place
Grace Bevers, Intro to Business Procedures, 4th Place
Dimitri Duenas, Network Design, 4th Place
Alexis Ehlebracht, American Enterprise Project, 4th Place
Tom Farber, Business Calculations, 4th Place
Sanjiv Kondin, Securities and Investments, 4th Place
Matthew Kuriakose, Word Processing, 4th Place
Precious Mago, Electronic Career Portfolio, 4th Place
Ayesha Mohammed, Intro to Business Communications, 4th Place
Kendall Parr, American Enterprise Project, 4th Place
Minahil Raheel, Intro to Business, 4th Place
Lucia Rodriguez, Parliamentary Procedure (Individual), 4th Place
Julie Salgado, Network Design, 4th Place
Ishaan Shah, Insurance & Risk Management, 4th Place
Diya Tibrewala, Business Ethics, 4th Place
Olivia Wong, Business Ethics, 4th Place
Krista Zimmer, Advertising, 4th Place



Spanish National Honor Society

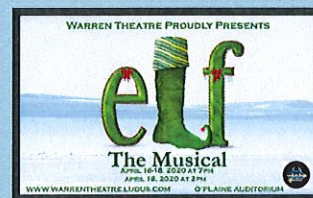
Congratulations to the following students on their induction into the Spanish National Honor Society! Students must be a sophomore or junior to be inducted, currently enrolled in a Spanish class and maintain an 88% average and have a 3.4 GPA overall.

Nooreen Ahmed, Isabella Alcivar, Faaz Arif, Vanessa Avila, Vanessa Barriga, Lauren Bartholomew, Giannielli Beltran, Dhruval Bhatt, Jhovana Bohigas, Wisdom Brown, Annabelle Burns, Hope Cabalfin, Gabriel Cabalfin, Samuel Lou Cordero Bardales, Katherine Craig, Alejandro Currea, Michelle Delgado, Hillary Fleming, Casey Fong, Geanette Galano, Katelin Galardi, Jayalakshmi Ganapathi-Subramanian, Olivia Gari, Kevin Goger, Andrea González, Sarah Harnden, Riya Jain, Vaibhav Joshi, Becca Katz, Karen Kim, Lilly Kooyenga, David Lara, Jenny Lin, Grace Liu, Leslie Lopez, George MacAtee, Trishelle Manila, Thomas Matheson, Dea Mercado, Jalen Meriweather, Melanie Miranda, Ayesha Mohammed, Gabby Montano, Alexandra Morales, Fatima Naveed, Oscar Ocampo, Iliana Padilla, Shiha Patel, Elizabeth Payson, Leslie Perez, Ashley Pilarte, Nicole Pilarte-Diaz, Katrina Punzalan, Minahil Raheel, Valentina Rico, Jasmine Rivera-Roman, Meg Rubino, Kaitlyn Salgado, Faith Sammons, Mark Samonds, Anne Serdar, Nidhi Shanmugam, Laisha Silva, Payal Stuarra, Ava Suarez, and Carlos Villa



Spring Musical

Despite the fact that the students could not perform their production of "Elf" to the community, they went above and beyond and recorded one of the songs and put it on Instagram and Facebook and sent an additional note to actress Jennifer Garner. Jennifer featured the song on her Instagram story. Because of this, thousands of people around the world were able to hear their performance!



In addition, the students were highlighted by Hollywood director Kay Cannon. Kay is the writer and director for the Pitch Perfect series. She also wrote, directed and performed in the movie Blockers, television shows 30 Rock, New Girl and the improv group Second City. Currently, Kay is writing and directing a revamp of the Cinderella movie starring Camila Cabelo, Idina Menzel and Billy Porter. Kay heard about the disappointment of Warren not being able to perform the musical Elf and other productions this spring and composed a video to share words of encouragement.

Enjoy the video here:

<https://www.cameo.com/v/mYJm1nsfa>

Thank you to sponsor Janice Zimmerman for her innovation in how to showcase the students in other ways.

Here is a still photo of us on Jennifer Garner's Instagram story:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10156875539371809&set=pcb.10156875539631809>

Here is the full performance:

<https://www.facebook.com/WarrenTheatre/videos/602320830359496>

Pickup and Drop off Exchange Information

All students may DROP OFF ONLY – May 18-22, 2020; 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We will have a collection drive the week of May 18-22 for students to return textbooks, library books or rental calculators. Families may drop off materials between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at their students' campus of attendance: O'Plaine Campus at the East/O'Plaine Road side drive and Almond Campus at the main entrance. Please align this with other essential travel and follow social distancing guidelines.

Curbside Pickup and Drop Off

SENIOR Students – Pickup/Drop off Exchange – May 27 and May 28, 2020.
Please use the following schedule:

Curbside Pick-Up/Drop-Off Event Almond Campus - Main Entrance Wednesday, May 27, 2020	Curbside Pick-Up/Drop-Off Event Almond Campus - Main Entrance Thursday, May 28, 2020
Last Names A-E 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Last Names M-R 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Last Names F-L 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Last Names S-Z 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

JUNIOR Students – Pickup/Drop off Exchange – June 17 and June 18, 2020 at the Almond Campus Main Entrance. Please use the following schedule:

Curbside Pick-Up/Drop-Off Event Almond Campus - Main Entrance Wednesday, June 17, 2020	Curbside Pick-Up/Drop-Off Event Almond Campus - Main Entrance Thursday, June 18, 2020
Last Names A-E 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Last Names M-R 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Last Names F-L 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Last Names S-Z 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

FRESHMEN and SOPHOMORE Students – Pickup/Drop-off Exchange – June 17 and June 18, 2020 at the O'Plaine Campus – East/O'Plaine Side Drive. Please use the following schedule:

Curbside Pick-Up/Drop-Off Event O'Plaine Campus - East/O'Plaine Side Drive Wednesday, June 17, 2020	Curbside Pick-Up/Drop-Off Event O'Plaine Campus - East/O'Plaine Side Drive Thursday, June 18, 2020
Last Names A-E 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Last Names M-R 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Last Names F-L 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Last Names S-Z 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Pick-up/Drop-off Event Process

1. School buildings will NOT be open for students to access on any of the pick-up or drop off times.
2. We are currently working on cleaning out hallway and PE lockers. We will have those items labeled and included in this process.
3. Each student's bag will be individualized with their items and may include the following:
 - a. Yearbook and/or Creations Magazine (if purchased)
 - b. Nurse's office records and any supplies/medications not yet returned
 - c. Personal items from school/PE locker
 - d. Any awards/certificates from the guidance department
 - e. Any awards/certificates from the athletic department
4. Students who are still in possession of school items (textbooks, loaner Chromebooks and/or chargers, rental calculators, uniforms, other borrowed school equipment, etc.) should bring all items in a PAPER or PLASTIC BAG and label it with their name and ID number.
5. Bring the items on your assigned day and they will be collected at the drop station.