



Senior students are encouraged to check out scholarship opportunities. Log in to your Maia Learning account at www.maialearning.com - Most applications are required to be completed by March 12, 2021.



Black History Month Celebration on Friday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. More information on the event will be on the d121.org homepage. Please join us virtually to honor black excellence.



The parent survey will be open starting the week of February 3 and closes April 2. Learn more about this parent survey on page 3.

STAY CONNECTED TO WTHS



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



<https://www.facebook.com/WTHSDistrict121>

#WeAreWarren

PowerSchool



Please make sure your contact information on file is up-to-date. This will ensure you receive all communications in a timely manner.

PowerSchool can also be used to access student schedules, grades, attendance and other useful student information.



Principals' Twitter

[Almond Campus Principal Twitter Account](#)

[O'Plaine Principal Twitter](#)



Principals' YouTube

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WTHS Listens to Taxpayers and Reduces Size of April 2021 Referendum

Learn more about the financial challenges facing the district and working with the district-wide community on page 2 of this newsletter.



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Board of Education News

April 6, 2021 WTHS Referendum Summary and Voter Information

Referendum Summary

- 35-cent limiting rate referendum
- Original proposal reduced by 40%
- Proposed use of limiting rate funds:
 - Maintain length of school day (8 periods)
 - Preserve curricular and co-curricular programs
 - Ensure full participation in career and technical education classes at the Technology Campus
 - Continue offering many Advanced Placement (AP) courses
 - Improve academic support and mental health services
 - Prevent the elimination or reduction of many activities and clubs, including band, drama, choir
 - Prevent the elimination of many athletic programs or levels within programs
- Maintain an adequate fund balance
 - Help protect the District's credit rating
 - Reduce the need for short-term borrowing

Election Details

- Election day is Tuesday, April 6 (6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
- Early voting countywide is March 22 to April 5
- Vote by mail: Look for online link at www.lakecountylil.gov/343/Voting-Options

More Information

Find upcoming webinars, frequently asked questions, the ballot question and more at: www.d121.org/referendumapril2021



Community Information Webinars

The District will host informational webinars which will include opportunities for questions and answers. Virtual meeting links will be provided prior to each webinar on the District's webpage at <https://www.d121.org/Page/745>.

- March 9 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- March 30 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



WTHS Board of Education

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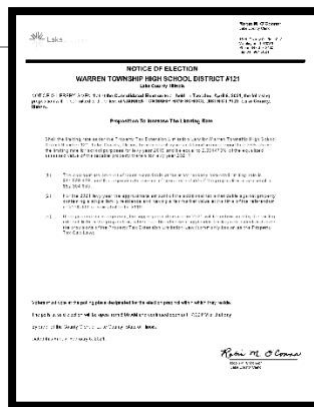
Recap of February 9, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

Presentations and reports were provided for the following items:

- Finance Committee, January 19, 2021
- Student Leadership Report
- Superintendent's Report including monthly reports for January 2021
- Update on the Proposition to Increase the Limiting Rate at the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election
- Return to School Information and Related Items

The Board approved the following items:

- Personnel recommendations for 29 employees and prospective candidates
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$731,005.67
- Regular and Executive Session minutes of January 29, 2021
- Six Month Review of Closed Session Minutes
- Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Certain Verbatim Recordings
- Approval of Required Reading List for the 2021-2022 School Year
- Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Gurnee for Regular Gasoline
- Approval of Service Agreement with Trane U.S. Inc. for Tracer SC and Building Automation System at the O'Plaine Campus
- Approval of Administration Compensation for the 2021-2022 School Year



BALLOT QUESTION ON THE
APRIL 6, 2021 CONSOLIDATED
ELECTION

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. John P. Ahlgrim, Superintendent of Schools



Black History Month Celebration

Friday, February 26, 2021
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaqXbWGY02CvxgV-XZany9g/featured>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/WarrenBSU>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/wths.bsu/?hl=en>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/bsuwths>



Lake County Health Department Information

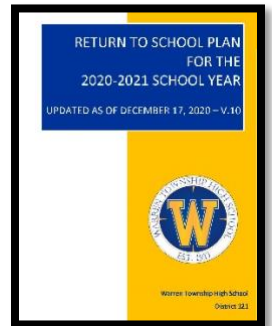
Check the LCHD for more information:
<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4377/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>

Return to School Status – Semester 2 Plan

Detailed information about our hybrid learning model and health requirements can be found in the Return to School Plan on our district's website at www.d121.org/returntoschool.

Also, we may need to move back to a fully remote model if there are significant increases in the Lake County COVID-19 numbers and/or more directly within our school. You may access the LCHD school dashboard website at:

<http://covid19response-lakecountyil.hub.arcgis.com/pages/schools-dashboard>



We will be following the 50% hybrid plan through spring break. We also have a number of students who will be completing their coursework in a fully remote status.

During the week of March 1, we will be sending out a parent survey for the students who are currently on a fully remote status to confirm their choice regarding learning status for the last stretch of the school year.

We truly appreciate the ongoing flexibility and support our community has shared over the course of this school year. We will need to continue to be prepared for transitions and modifications in our plans for the remainder of the year.

5Essentials Survey

Each year, students, staff and parents of children in Illinois schools have an opportunity to participate in the statewide *Illinois 5Essentials Survey*, which measures conditions for learning. Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at Warren Township High

Link for parents to take the survey:

<http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>



School and guide improvement. The anonymous survey is available in English and Spanish and the parent survey will be open starting the week of February 2, 2021. It takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

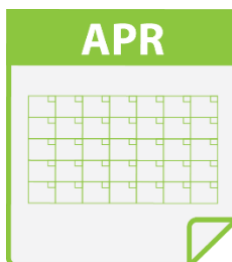
Students will complete the survey when they return to school on March 8 during their PE class. The student survey will take approximately 25 minutes to complete.

News from Instructional Services

by Christopher J. Geocaris, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services

Testing Dates for the April 2021 School Year

Detailed information regarding student schedules on the days of the exams will be communicated to families closer to the exam dates.



For questions about the Illinois Science Assessment, contact Peter Kupfer, O'Plaine Campus Assistant Principal, pkupfer@wths.net



For questions about PSAT 9, PSAT 10, contact Peter Kupfer, O'Plaine Campus Assistant Principal, pkupfer@wths.net

For questions about SAT, contact Matthew Jones, Almond Campus Assistant Principal, mjones@wths.net

- April 12 - ISA (both buildings and staff administering)
- April 13 - SAT (both buildings and staff administering)
- April 14 - Remote Learning Day for students/staff. Accommodations testing continues.
- April 15 - PSAT 10 (both buildings and staff administering)
- April 16 - PSAT 9 (both buildings and staff administering)
- April 23 - PSAT 9 and 10 Make-up (regular day)
- April 27 and May 18 - SAT Make-up days (regular days)

Warren Township High School offers 26 Advanced Placement (AP) courses across six departments. Students enrolled in AP courses are eligible to take AP exams at the end of their course for the opportunity to earn college credit. Students are charged a fee for each exam.



Exam payments are due by April 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. For more information about the exams and process and payments, visit the District's website at: <https://www.d121.org/Page/488>

Questions about AP exams? Email Matthew Jones, Almond Campus Assistant Principal, at mjones@wths.net



Student Instructional Support

<https://www.d121.org/domain/135>

Click the link address above for information about:

- Technology help
- Health Office and COVID-19 information
- Materials for class
- Educational resources for parents and students
- Netiquette basics for online learning



News From Student Services

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



COVID Safety Protocols

As we continue to look for ways to increase our time and capacity on campus, it is critically important that our students and staff adhere to the 3 W's. Let's continue to keep the numbers going in the right direction. We all need to do our part!



Please review our guidelines for students as they return to campus. Following the guidelines will keep us in school! If your child or anyone in your household is experiencing symptoms of an illness, please do not send your child to school. Please follow the guidelines for communicating illnesses and specifically reporting if anyone has or has been exposed to COVID-19:

Health Office Guidelines for Parent/Guardians.

As we continue in our hybrid learning schedule, please make sure you contact your child's counselor if they are having issues connecting or staying on track. Our Student Services teams are here to help!

College and Career Events and Workshops

Students interested should attend virtually during their designated lunch or study hall period.

Almond Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Seniors who missed the iHeart Local Scholarship Workshop on February 10, please reference the email sent by Mrs. McGahan. There are many opportunities for our seniors to earn scholarships for continuing their education. Application deadline is March 12. Wednesday, February 24: Understanding your Financial Aid Award Letter Workshop for Senior students during periods 3-6 via Google Meet. Thursday, February 25: Financial Aid Workshop for Senior Families 6-8 p.m. via Zoom. Families can view the schedule and sign-up for a 20 minute slot. Tuesday, March 2: CLC Application Workshop for Seniors via Zoom (period 3 - 8:55-9:20). For seniors who need to apply to CLC. Wednesday, March 3: CLC Application Workshop for Seniors via Zoom (period 4 - 11:00-11:30, period 5 - 11:55-12:25, period 6 - 12:50-1:20). Wednesday, March 17: CLC Scholarship Workshop during periods 3-6 via Zoom.
O'Plaine Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday, March 10: Live Webinar: All About Scholarships Workshop during freshmen and sophomore students' lunch periods via Zoom (attend during your lunch period only).

Virtual Career Expo – Week of March 29 – April 1

Warren Township High School and Grant Community High School have teamed up this year to host a virtual Career Week for our students. Students will have access to videos made by industry professionals from a variety of career fields. Our goal of this event is to not only expose students to a variety of career paths and professions, but to also foster student excitement, engagement and interest. Some employers may also have internship, apprenticeship, job shadowing or employment opportunities for students. Whether or not you already know what you want to do for a future career, we hope you take full advantage of this opportunity!



News from Business Services and Operations

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

Grab-and-Go Meals, Updated Starting January 19, 2021

WTHS will continue to distribute grab-and-go meals. **All** students ages 18 and under are eligible to receive free breakfast and lunch, regardless of their current Free and Reduced status.

As we've moved to a hybrid schedule beginning January 19, seven-day breakfast and lunch meal kit distribution has continued on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the following changes:

- Students who are attending school in person will have the option to pick up their meal kits as they leave the building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Almond Campus and from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the O'Plaine campus.
- Daytime meal pickup hours will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays at both the Almond and O'Plaine campuses, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Evening pickup hours will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the O'Plaine campus **ONLY**, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- There will no longer be distribution at the Green Valley Apartments, Continental Village Apartments, or the Park City Teen Center.



Grab-and-Go Meals



Clearing snow on our campuses



Principal's Corner at the Almond Campus

by Rob Parrott



Congratulations

Even in our remote learning plan we have asked our staff to submit nominations for students that display one or more of the pillars of our A-Team, which include:

- Attendance – This is a dedication to being at school, in class, on time, each day.
- Attitude – This is a focus on choosing to get better every day. To choose an attitude that makes yourself and others better.
- Academics – This is a focus on taking active ownership of your learning and making positive progress academically.
- Acceptance – This is an appreciation for the diversity in our world and valuing the assets diversity brings to our community. It is a commitment to treating others as you would want to be treated; and even better, getting to know others so you can treat them how they want to be treated.
- Athletics/Activities – This is an engagement in the opportunities outside of the classroom that enhance student connectedness and contributions to our school community.

I am proud to recognize the following students as our monthly A-Team winners at the Almond Campus: Jessica Blandon, Mackenzie Voelcker, Renee Rissmann, Tyler Jaimes, and Shatayla Gayden.

All juniors at the Almond Campus will take the Illinois Science Assessment on Monday, April 12, 2021. This is a requirement for all juniors by the Illinois State Board of Education. This is similar to our upcoming SAT testing day for all juniors on April 13, 2021. More information and details about the testing schedule for these two dates will be sent out to parents in the coming weeks as we will have to work within several safety guidelines to facilitate the exams.



Celebrating Black History Month! Thank you to our Black Student Union for leading events and activities to celebrate the struggles and achievements of black leaders. Teachers are utilizing resources to make relevant connections to each subject regarding significant black history figures and events. We are very excited for our Black History Month Celebration on Friday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. More information on the event will be on the d121.org homepage. Please join us virtually to honor black excellence!

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Students are getting back to hands-on learning and teachers are adjusting to concurrent teaching – which is teaching to both those in the classroom and those at home joining virtually.

Wednesday, February 17 was Random Acts of Kindness Day. We encouraged all students and staff to demonstrate kindness to themselves and others. While we surprised our staff with a small bag of treats last week, we need to say “thank you” to Immanuel Church of Gurnee, which provided breakfast for our entire staff. We appreciate your support and kind gesture.



We have five National Merit Finalists this year! Congratulations to Seniors, Yuvraj Chauhan, Lucinda Damon-Davis, Kevin Goger, Bradley Strauss, and Olivia Wong, who have moved on in the PSAT/NMSQT competition.

There are only about 15,000 of these students across the nation and this places them in the top 1% of all students nationwide in the Class of 2021.

Principal's Corner at the O'Plaine Campus

by Michele Bertola

Happy February! We are already eight weeks into second semester and very excited to have students and staff back in the building. We began our Hybrid 50% model starting February 16 and look forward to having more students on campus each day. We continue to follow our safety protocols and are proud of the collective effort of all to keep each other safe.

Students and staff are adjusting to the Hybrid Schedule and getting used to our new processes and procedures. Students are getting back to hands-on learning and teachers are adjusting to concurrent teaching — which is teaching to both those in the classroom and those at home joining virtually. We continue to learn, adjust, and grow this year. I encourage all students to keep working hard and communicate with teachers on any concerns or support they need.



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Congratulations

Congratulations to students who have been nominated for our February **Matter of Pride Award**. Staff have nominated students to recognize them for their academic excellence, academic improvement, leadership, act of kindness, or making Warren a better place. The students listed below were nominated for one of these reasons:

Leslie Arcos, Kyle Baker, Carlet Blanchard, Brandon Block, Jonah Block-Glickman, Michael Budzik, Hannah Conger, John Corelis, Analisa Cress, Andrew Fank- Pancardo, Mariana Huerta, Lauren Kunesh, Kamryn Pfeffer, Esaías Pineda, Allison Rebolledo, Mauricio Rosas, Calen Shackelford, Atif Syeda, Mariah Vargas-Lopez, Adriana Vasquez, Claire Venisnik, and Caden Wittwer.



News about Athletics

by Becky Belmont, Director of Athletics



Congratulations to Max Floriani for being selected to compete in the 10th Annual Boys High School All-American Game! The players selected are seniors who have finished their high school careers and represent their high school teams during the fall season. The St. Louis University bound Floriani is the first Warren student athlete to compete in this game.



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.

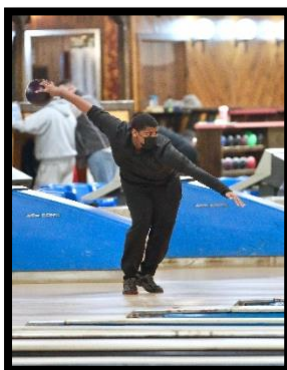


National Federation of State High School Association Network
at www.nfhsnetwork.com

Competitions in the Almond Main Gym can be live streamed at www.nfhsnetwork.com for FREE! All you have to do is create an account. Please visit the Athletic page on the District's website.

Winter Sports in Action

Boys and Girls Bowling
Girls Badminton
Cheerleading
Devilettes
Girls Gymnastics
Boys Swimming and Diving



Spring Sports

Registration for spring sports is open!

To be eligible to try out, students must have a current physical on file in the school nurse's office and register online at - <https://warrentownship-ar.schooltoday.com/> - Tryout information can be found on the www.d121.org website, under Athletic Schedules and Scores.

Spring Sport	Start Date	End Date	Participation Fee
Boys Soccer	March 1	April 17	\$240
Football	March 3	April 24	\$240
Girls Volleyball	March 8	April 24	\$240
Boys & Girls Water Polo	March 15	May 29	\$240

News about Activities

by Aimee Lonigro, Assistant Director of Athletics and Activities Coordinator

Speech Team

Congratulations to the following members of the Speech Team and sponsors Christina Cooper, Jamie Griffiths, and Joey Griffiths on their IHSA tournament success!

- Nidhi Shanmugam was the IHSA Regional Champion in Impromptu Speaking and took 3rd place in Informative Speaking,
- Kiran Bhalla took 3rd place in Oratorical Declamation,
- Fahim Rafi took 3rd place Radio Speaking.
- Nidhi also was a finalist in the IHSA Sectional, placing 5th in Impromptu Speaking.

Spanish National Honor Society is taking applications.



Any sophomores or juniors in Honors Spanish classes may apply to be a member of the Spanish National Honor Society. The application link is now live and can be accessed below.

Applications (with essay portion and teacher recommendation) are due Sunday, February 28. Please email clerner@wths.net or lpnce@wths.net with questions.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uSV0XewaLT1389VJg43KgzwLqmdsOBA/view>

2020 Spanish National Honor Society Inductees

Sponsors: Courtney Lerner and Ligia Ponce

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, Vaibhau 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 Stuaría, Ava Suarez and Carlos Villa.



More
Information



Information about clubs and activities,
visit the District's website at
<https://www.d121.org/domain/40>