

Warren Connection: Happy Fall!

September 23, 2020



Hi Warren Community,

Thanks to our students, staff and the entire WTHS community for your ongoing flexibility and support during this unique school year. We continue to review and monitor local health conditions and guidance from the Lake County Health Department, and we are committed to everyone's physical and mental wellness as we make key decisions. We are increasing the number of students who are accessing our buildings safely in smaller groups, with enhanced health requirements for students and staff.

Parents and Students

As we have more students on campus in smaller groups for academics or activities, please keep in mind that your transportation to and from school is also a very important part of keeping everyone well. We encourage students not to carpool with non-household members and, if necessary, please remember that wearing a mask is an important part of the three W's:

- Wash your hands
- Watch your distance
- Wear a mask

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There's no place like Home-Coming 2020!

Keep your eyes peeled for Homecoming 2020 festivities! Check the website, Canvas, and social media for more information. Homecoming week will kick off on October 4, 2020 with a drive through parade at the Almond Campus.

STAYING CONNECTED



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 email address and phone numbers on file are updated. 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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[O'Plaine Principal YouTube](#)

Board of Education News

Potential Funding Proposal Work Resumes

The Community Task Force, comprising business, civic, and educational leaders, resumed remote meetings this month to evaluate the District's funding challenges and proposed solutions. Due to COVID-19, this planning was paused, but the critical and importance and immediacy of this issue has prompted this committee to get back to work.

District 121 has the lowest per-student revenue of any high school district in Lake County. Despite significant efforts to reduce costs, including the decrease of more than 50 staff members in the last five years, the budget is difficult to balance.

With guidance from the Task Force, WTHS plans to roll out a comprehensive public engagement program starting in early October. The District seeks to allow the entire community to provide their thoughts and recommendations on possible funding solutions. Public outreach efforts will likely include in-person and/or virtual community information meetings, a mail survey, and other strategies for gathering public input.

The Board of Education understands the challenges our community faces due to the pandemic and stands committed to only pursuing funding solutions that it is confident our community can support. No decisions will be made until we gather additional input.

District	Local Sources	State Sources	Federal Sources	Total
Highland Park Deerfield District 113	\$30,549	\$1,388	\$538	\$32,475
Adlai Stevenson High School District 125	\$26,161	\$1,444	\$371	\$27,976
Lake Forest District District 115	\$32,671	\$979	\$355	\$34,005
Libertyville Vernon Hills District 128	\$27,029	\$1,142	\$214	\$28,386
Grayslake District 127	\$20,536	\$4,649	\$275	\$25,459
Antioch Lakes District 117	\$18,825	\$4,688	\$317	\$23,830
Zion-Benton District 126	\$16,432	\$7,264	\$1,010	\$24,705
Mundelein District 120	\$19,362	\$2,309	\$497	\$22,168
Grant Township District 124	\$14,464	\$3,908	\$702	\$19,073
Warren Township High School District 121	\$14,052	\$2,808	\$361	\$17,221

Source: Lake County Regional Office of Education, FY2019

Board of Education Recognizes Member Jim Walz



Before adjourning the September 22 Board meeting, Member Jim Walz informed the Board that he is resigning. In his announcement, Jim said, "I have been honored to serve on the Board of Education of Warren Township High School District 121, working to continue the tradition of excellence for our students, staff and community." Jim and his family are looking forward to their new adventures as they relocate and enjoy retirement.

Jim was appointed to the Board in July 2014 and was elected in 2015 and 2017. He was the Secretary of the Board of Education since 2019. In his six years of service, Jim has served on the following Board committees: Finance, Curriculum, Alternative Energy, Safety, Food Service, and Facilities and Projects. Jim's personal advocacy towards green initiatives was paramount in the District's installation of the Almond Campus solar project, which generates enough energy to power the Almond campus, saving the district significant dollars in energy costs annual and caring for our environment. We extend a great appreciation to Jim for his service to our WTHS students and community.



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

Recap of September 8 and 22, 2020 Board of Education Meetings

The Board recognized the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students who attended the summer leadership workshop virtually.

Presentations, reports and discussion regarding the following items:

- Board Committee assignments for 2020-2021
- Policy Committee, August 25, 2020
- Insurance Committee, Sept 16, 2020
- Return to school update and related items
- Community Task Force update
- First Reading of District Board Policies

There was a public hearing on the FY21 Tentative Budget on September 22, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. virtually.

The Board approved the following items:

- Personnel recommendations for 5 employees and/or prospective candidates
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$1,092,001.57 and \$3,509,327.44
- Regular and Executive Session Minutes of August 18, 2020 and September 8, 2020
- Second Reading and Approval of District Board Policies
- Resolution for Addition of Authorized Signing Agents to Community Trust Credit Union Account
- Notification to Post Required Salaries for FY2020
- Agreement Regarding the Receipt of Developer Subdivision Contributions and Indemnification, in the Event of a Private Agreement
- Change Order #1 with Van Doorn Roofing company at the Almond and O'Plaine campuses
- Intergovernmental Agreement between WTHS D121 and College of Lake County for College and Career Navigator Services
- FY21 Revised Staffing Plan
- Intergovernmental Agreement for COVID-19 Relief Fund between the County of Lake and WTHS D121
- Adoption of the FY2021 Budget

Congratulations to

Paul Schulz and Tony DeMonte for receiving Level I recognition as a Master Board Member from the Illinois Association of School Boards.

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. John P. Ahlgrim, Superintendent of Schools



2020 Illinois FBLA-PBL Summer Leadership Workshop

This year, 12 Warren Township High School students virtually attended the 44th Illinois Summer Leadership Workshop. This workshop spanned

July 17-18 and was attended by FBLA officers and advisers from all over Illinois. At the workshop, officers participated in group activities and games, received feedback from a panel of judges, and ran for mock state chapter positions. The workshop's theme was "Leave a Legacy."

Patty Hendrickson, Certified Speaking Professional, led this workshop alongside Sandra Bronson, Illinois FBLA State Adviser; Corbin Robinson, former Illinois PBL President and North Central Region Vice President, and the esteemed panel of judges.

The list of Warren advisers and officers who attended this workshop are: Ifra Waris (Co-President), Reena Pinapala (Co-President), Brian Rapanan (Area and State Parliamentarian), Shalani Kolli (Bookstore Manager, Almond), Yash Sharma (Bookstore Manager, O'Plaine), Grace Liu (Secretary, Almond), Niharika Sapra (Secretary, O'Plaine), Steven Isaac (Treasurer, Almond), Karthik Pullala (Treasurer, O'Plaine), Alexie Laya (Historian), Alexis Ehlebracht (Media Manager), Kendal Parr (Reporter), Jessica Beck (Adviser), Steven Vranek (Adviser), Kelly Stites (Adviser). Mock State Chapter winners from Warren are Yash Sharma (Parliamentarian) and Grace Liu (Vice President). Toward the end of the workshop, there was a Kahoot!, which was won by Warren's Brian Rapanan.

Return-to-School - Remote Learning Continues

At its September 16 special meeting, the Board of Education approved the extension of our fully remote learning plans at least through November 6, 2020. We are making efforts to bring in smaller groups of students while we are on a remote learning plan.

Starting October 5, we will be implementing important modifications to our fully remote plan to increase expectations and learning.

- We are increasing the frequency of synchronous learning for our classes so that students will see their teachers more frequently. We are also hopeful that parents will encourage students to use the camera feature whenever possible, as the visual connection of students—even on a computer screen—can help create a sense of normalcy and connectedness within the class.
- Students will no longer fill out the daily attendance Google form, as teachers will now take attendance through their online classroom presence.

These modifications are now included in our fully remote plan, which is in the Academics section of our website and can be accessed at <https://www.d121.org/domain/135>.

To support this transition, our staff will have a remote learning planning day on Wednesday, September 30. Student attendance will not be taken on this day and students should use this time to catch up on assignments.

Additional Considerations Needed for In-Person Learning

We continue to receive guidance from the Lake County Health Department regarding the effective implementation of several illness management processes as we consider the possibility of safely resuming in-person instruction for all students. One such recommendation relates to COVID-19 "single-symptom-presumed positive" cases and how to vacate areas that may have been occupied by an individual who has a confirmed or suspected case. At this time, we do not believe we can safely allow large numbers of students return to our buildings for entire school days.

To that end, we are preparing alternative blended learning models with abbreviated in-person schedules to help mitigate the challenges associated with illness management requirements as they pertain our normal in-person school day.

We are also investigating possible onsite testing for COVID-19, which may help decrease the impact of the single-symptom-presumed-positive obstacle and potentially help WTHS open with one of several blended models.

News from Instructional Services

by Christopher J. Geocaris, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services

We are now several weeks into our school year, and our teachers continue to work extremely hard to create meaningful learning experiences for all our students. At the Board of Education Meeting on September 16, our Board voted to extend our Fully Remote Learning plan through November 6. We appreciate the feedback that we have received from our students and community through the first few weeks of our school year. That feedback was instrumental in helping us identify key areas for improvement in our plan, and we are making some important updates to remote learning.

All our classes will now meet synchronously every day they are scheduled. Students will meet online with their teachers during all scheduled class times to participate in lessons and assessments. Previously, one meeting each week could be allotted for students to work on independent lessons.

Synchronous

Students meeting in real time with their teachers during scheduled class periods.

By moving to all synchronous periods, teachers will now be taking attendance during each class period. We will no longer use the daily attendance form. **Students must attend class, or they will be marked as absent for that period by their teacher.** If there is an extenuating circumstance, please reach out to your student's teachers and guidance counselor so we can support your student.



One final item that will continue to be a point of emphasis during remote learning is the **use of cameras during online class meetings**. Currently, we are experiencing a large number of students who are not turning on cameras in class, even when prompted by their teacher. While we do not require cameras to be on at all times during class, there are often points during the lesson in which students and teachers need to interact. The ability to see each other creates a far more authentic interaction.

When teachers are able to see their students and students are able to see one another, it is easier for everyone to interact and build relationships within the digital classroom. Teachers are able to see and react to nonverbal cues from their students. When students have their cameras on, they also will stay more engaged in the lesson, as they are now in more of an interactive format with their peers and teachers.

We also believe that video conferencing will continue to be part of all our students' lives in the future, and we have the opportunity to help them develop an important digital skill during this period of remote learning. We want to help them learn how to interact appropriately in an online meeting through the audio, video, and chat features of Google Meet. Please take a moment to discuss with your student the importance of using the camera on their Chromebook during class, especially when prompted by the teacher.



Testing Update

SAT

We administered the SAT on Wednesday, September 23, to our senior students. This SAT administration is a graduation requirement set by the State of Illinois and was also a valuable opportunity for all our students to take a free college admission exam. Our SAT administration will conclude on October 23 with the final make-up exam date. If your student was absent on September 23, please look for a communication from the school with make-up exam information.

CollegeBoard

SAT

PSAT/NMSQT

We will be providing the PSAT/NMSQT for interested juniors on Thursday, October 29. Registration is open now and will continue through October 15. Students may sign up online through Total Registration. The link to register for the PSAT is available on the PSAT page on our website. The fee for the exam is \$20. Specific details regarding times and locations for October 29 will be communicated to students as the test date nears. If you have questions regarding the PSAT/NMSQT exam, please contact Matt Jones, Assistant Principal at the Almond Campus.



If you have questions or concerns regarding the use of cameras during class meetings, please reach out to your student's teachers. We appreciate your support as we work to support our students during online learning.

News From Student Services

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



College and Career Counseling

Warren Township High School offers a comprehensive college planning, career exploration, and counseling curriculum beginning freshman year. A combination of extensive programming and individual appointments with our counselors provides students and families with current information on career exploration, college selection, application, and the financial aid process. Guidance counselors work closely with WTHS's postsecondary counselors to provide students every advantage in the college application process. Additionally, the academic and personal/social development of all students is addressed through the student services teams.

WTHS leverages Maia Learning to deliver an in-depth exploratory research tool to plan for life after high school. To preview the benefits of Maia Learning, watch [this introductory video](#). For students to access it, click log-in and then click Sign-In with Google.

Our College and Career counselors provide several parent events during the year to help parents navigate the college and career process. Please make sure you check the website for these events. During remote learning, we will provide events that are recorded for you to review.

The link below will direct you to the webpage for both campuses:

[College and Career Counseling](#)

We hope everyone has settled into remote learning. Our staff is trying to stay consistent with our schedule by providing synchronous instruction. It is extremely important for kids to have a structured schedule to stay on track. We know being remote is stressful and challenging for families and students. If you are seeing signs of your student struggling to stay on a schedule, we are here to help.



Guidance Counselors, Social Workers & Psychologists

Please use the link below to access your child's student service team for support. Our guidance counselors, psychologists and social workers are always available via email or phone to help in any way they can. The link below will direct you to the webpage for both campuses:

[Guidance counselors - Social Workers - Psychologists](#)

Health Office Information

Although we are not back in person, *all grade 9 students need to have a physical on file*. Please contact the Health office at the O'Plaine campus if you have any questions. All seniors must have documentation of a meningitis shot on file. If you have any questions, please contact the Almond Health office with any questions. The link below will direct you to the webpage for both campuses:

[Health Office Contact Information](#)

Community agencies providing support

Warren Township Youth Services

WTYS has been an excellent partner with WTHS. They provide a number of free services and also offer families excellent resources. Please consider viewing their site to access their excellent programming:

<https://www.wtyouthservices.com/>

Lake County Health Department

In addition to our health staff, please consider subscribing to the Lake County Health Department. The website and email subscription is helpful to assess the current state of Lake County regarding the COVID-19 virus. Stay advised to stay safe! The link below will direct you to the site:

[Lake County Health Department](#)

News from Business Services and Operations

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

WTHS District 121 Receives Digital Equity Funding

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) announced school districts that were awarded more than \$80 million in Digital Equity Formula Grants. This funding comes from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which directs federal funding to governors and state education agencies to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Closing the digital divide has been a priority for the ISBE since March, when the pandemic forced schools statewide to suddenly shift to remote learning. In the spring, ISBE recognized that many schools did not have the technology or internet access necessary to connect students and teachers in real time and facilitate meaningful remote instruction. ISBE has learned and prepared a great deal since the spring, and we are excited to provide our highest-need schools the Digital Equity Formula Grant to strengthen their digital infrastructure this fall and for years to come.

Only school districts who have funding levels less than 70% of the recommended level to meet the students' needs of that district were eligible for this funding. WTHS D121 currently has a funding level of only 66% of the recommended funding for students.

The District received \$257,000 and is using it toward additional hotspots, cameras and microphones for teachers, digital remote desktops for career and technology department programs (Project Lead The Way and art classes), and additional software for enhancing instruction delivered during periods of remote and blended learning.

Face Masks on Campus and School Buses



Over the last several months, the district has been acquiring personal protective equipment, including face masks. We have an ample supply of different types of face masks for students and staff, as we do not want a lack of a mask to be problematic for anyone in our buildings.

Students are reminded that they are to have a face mask on at all times when in school buildings, except for at lunch and band. Also, students need to have a mask on as they enter a school bus and keep it on for the duration of their ride.

Please let us know if your student needs a mask. Our bus drivers have a supply, and we also have them at the entrances of each campus.



Grab-and-Go Lunch Service



The District will distribute grab-and-go meals for children who receive free and reduced-price lunch.

A WTHS school bus or activity bus will be distributing lunches at the locations, dates, and times listed below. These times cover the common student lunch periods on the fully remote learning schedules.

Every Tuesday and Thursday
Beginning Sept 1 until further notice
10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Bus 1

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

Bus 2

Park City Teen Center
333 Teske Boulevard, Park City

Bus 3

Green Valley Apartments,
4100 Greenleaf Court, Park City

Bus 4

Continental Village
Continental Drive and Abbington Court,
Waukegan

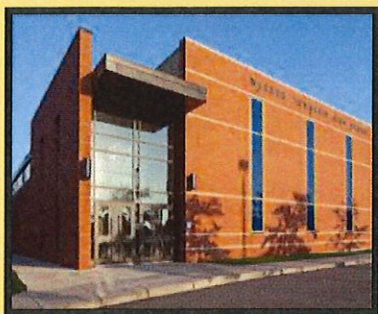
Visitors to our School Buildings

To minimize the contact with others, we will generally not allow visitors and parents or guardians into the school buildings during the school day. Exceptions to this are some required meetings with parents or guardians and emergency situations.

We encourage all parents or guardians and visitors to use email or a phone call to take care of their school business instead of coming directly to the campuses.

Principal's Corner at the Almond Campus

by Rob Parrott



Blue and Gold Friday!

As a way to stay connected with each other, we are asking that students wear Blue and Gold on Fridays of each week during the remote learning process. This is something we promote each school year and are asking that our students show their school spirit each week by participating in Blue and Gold Fridays.



Staying Connected

Here are some helpful resources to find information throughout the school year.

Please continue to check your **Warren email**, **school website**, and **Canvas**, as those are our primary forms of communication during this time. Make sure to reach out to teachers or staff as needed—we are here for you!

You can also follow us on social media, using **#WeAreWarren**. I have been connecting with students on my **Almond Campus Principal YouTube Account** and Twitter account **Almond Campus Principal Twitter Account**

Please find ways to stay connected virtually during this time.

The start of the 2020-21 school year has been the most unique beginning of any school year in my 27 years at Warren! However, I am glad to be back and working together with our staff, students, and parents to make the best of our new normal. For the first time, we hosted a “virtual open house welcome back” for our parents by having our entire staff create individual welcome back videos. These videos are still available on our website and can be accessed by [clicking here](#). Each video is a brief introduction of the teacher and an introduction to the course in which your student is enrolled. In addition, the principals from both campuses hosted a Virtual Welcome Back for parents, which you can view by [clicking here](#).

National Merit Scholarship Program

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 66th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$30 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. Over 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and about half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship—earning the Merit Scholar® title.

Congratulations to WTHS seniors Yuvraj Chauhan, Lucinda Damon-Davis, Kevin Goger, Bradley Strauss, and Olivia Wong, who have each been named a semifinalist in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program!



About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2021 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2021 competition by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

We're pleased to announce that Anushka Agashe, Jacob Bode, Cameron Cohen, Ellen Corr, Cecilia Culver, Adarsh Dayalan, John Gibes, Steven Isaac, Sasha Kakkassery, Parker Olive, Jonah Park, Griffin Pasha, Ishan Patel, Brian Rapanan, Julian Saavedra, Ishaan Shah, Carley Steres, Joseph Tamulaitis, Diya Tibrewala, Carlos Villa, and Ifra Waris have been named “Commended Students” in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program.

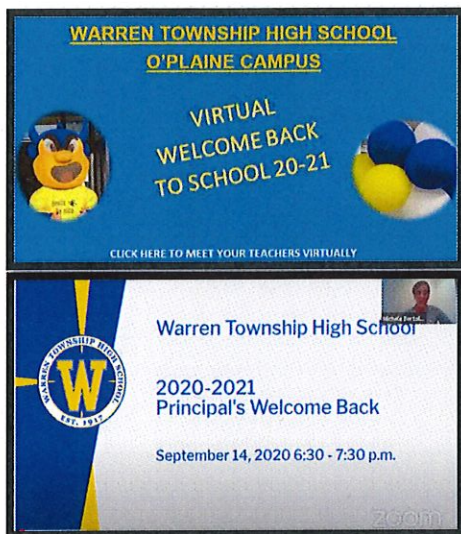
An invitation was extended to those students at Warren Township High School who scored in the top 2.5% among Hispanic and Latino PSAT/NMSQT test takers. Students being considered for the National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars are Lucinda Damon-Davis, Julian Saavedra, Carlos Villa, Chloe Calzolano, and Emily Craig.

We are very proud of all our students who scored so well on the PSAT/NMSQT exam in 2019!

Principal's Corner at the O'Plaine Campus

by Michele Bertola

Happy first month of school and start of the fall season! This is a school year of many "firsts," as we all start our first school year in a remote setting. I miss the daily interactions of our staff and students greatly, but am glad to be back and working together with our staff, students, and parents to make the best of our new normal.



For the first time, we hosted a "virtual open house welcome back" for our parents by having our entire staff create individual welcome back videos for our parents. These videos are still available on our website and can be accessed by [clicking here](#). Each video is a brief introduction of the teacher and an introduction to the course your student is enrolled in. In addition, the principals from both campuses hosted a Virtual Welcome Back for parents that you can view by [clicking here](#).

I hope that students are creating positive routines, working hard to stay engaged in their academic courses, and finding times to connect and stay healthy during this time. Please reach out to [Student Services](#) if you are concerned about your student's academic progress or social/emotional well-being. We are in this together and appreciate the partnership to best support our students.

One way we are trying to connect with our Class of 2024 and help in their transition to high school is through our **Warren Link Crew**. Link Crews meet every 2-3 weeks to check in, share information, answer student questions, and do some fun activities. Freshmen should check their Warren email regularly to get Link Crew meeting dates, times, and links. Any questions on Link Crew can be directed to me at mbertola@wths.net.



Students can check the daily announcements on our d121.org website to get involved in Student Activities, as well as watch our Wednesday weekly announcements posted in Canvas. We want students to stay socially connected outside of the virtual classroom.

Although we are all navigating through a unique and challenging time, we continue to remind our students that "we've got this." We are here to support each and every student and know that we are truly better together. Thank you for your support and please reach out with any questions or concerns.



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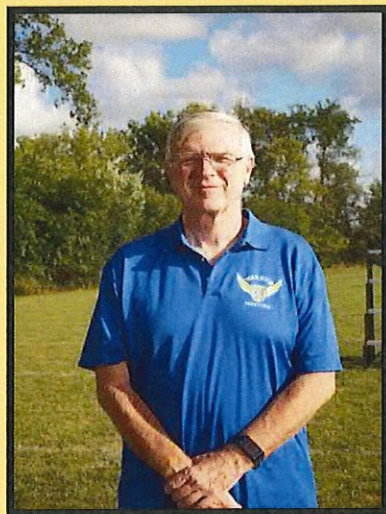
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News About Athletics

by Becky Belmont, Director of Athletics



On Friday, September 11, 2020, Warren lost one of their own. Head Boys Cross Country Coach Bill Dawson passed away after a courageous fight with esophageal cancer. Bill has been a Warren Blue Devil since 1984. In that time, it is hard to imagine how many lives he touched as a teacher, coach, co-worker, and friend.

Bill dedicated over 40 years of his life to education and athletics. As an ambassador of track and field and cross-country, he is widely known for his mentorship, his knowledge of the sport, and for being an overall quality human being. Coach Dawson will be greatly missed by all.

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.

Fall Sports Updates

Boys Cross Country

The Blue Devils captured two NSC victories and were 2-2 overall. Junior Luke Wiley and senior Griffin Pasha finished 1-2 in the Deerfield Triangular and 3-4 versus a tough Lake Zurich squad. In the triumph over NSC foe Stevenson, Wiley and Pasha again claimed the top two spots and juniors Max Zeisler (3rd) and Nate Garcia (8th), sophomore Cole Kaether (4th), and freshman Ryan Moats (6th) backed them up with top-10 finishes.



Girls Cross Country

The girls got off to a hot start by beating Zion-Benton and claiming 6 of the top 12 spots to go 2-0 in the Deerfield Tri. After falling to Lake Zurich and Grayslake, the Blue Devils took it to Stevenson for a big conference win. Nikki Harrison (sr.), Taylor Latza (sr.), Athena McGinn Jr., Mia Pasha (so.), and Raina Rice (jr.) swept the top five spots and Melissa Cote (sr.) and Caralyn Whalen (so.) also finished in the top 10.

Boys Golf

Junior Anders Johnson's 39 and senior Zach Zorzy's 41 led Warren to a win over Zion-Benton. After losses to Lake Zurich, Stevenson, and non-conference opponent Vernon Hills in which junior Andreas Ackron and sophomore Nick Steinhilber were top scorers for the Blue Devils, the squad went 2-0 in conference matches. Every shot was important in a 176-177 win over Mundelein. Andreas Ackron and senior Parker Martin shot 43, and Nick Steinhilber and Zach Zorzy 45. Highlighted by Nick Steinhilber's low round of the year, a 1-under par 35, and junior Rohan Iyer's 39, the Devils' 157-168 victory avenged their earlier loss to Lake Zurich. Solid rounds by Andreas Ackron (41) and Anders Johnson (42) contributed to the win.

Girls Golf

The Blue Devils opened up NSC play with a loss to Stevenson. Sophomore Alaina Goeden was top scorer with a 45. The team claimed its first conference win in a rain-shortened 6-hole match vs. Waukegan, led by senior Sydney Bornhorst (28) and sophomores Alaina Goeden and Ally Badgley (31). The girls came out on the wrong side of a tight match with Mundelein, losing by 2 strokes at Countryside. Sydney Bornhorst again posted Warren's top score (43), followed by sophomores Alaina Goeden (47), Mia Cosnotti (51), and Ally Badgley (55).

Girls Swimming and Diving

Though the team opened the season with losses to Libertyville and Stevenson, they had some outstanding individual performances. Versus the Wildcats junior Grace Bevers won both the 200 Individual Medley and 100 Freestyle, senior Annie Stingle was 1st in the 100 Butterfly and 2nd in the 50 Freestyle, and junior Hailey Benoit placed 1st in the 100 Backstroke and 3rd in the 100 Butterfly. At Stevenson Stingle repeated her winning ways in the 100 Butterfly and Bevers was first to reach the wall in the 100 Backstroke.



Girls Tennis

The season is off to a great start. In victories over Grayslake Central (6-1), Grant (7-0), Carmel (5-2), and Zion-Benton (7-0), senior Meg Rubino and freshman Peyton Mueller were 4-0 at #2 and #3 singles, respectively, and junior Natalia Zamora claimed two victories at #1 singles. Blue Devil doubles teams were 15-1 during the stretch.

News About Activities

by Aimee Lonigro, Assistant Director of Athletics and Activities Coordinator

Activities and Clubs Offered at Warren

Warren Township High School recognizes that participating in extracurricular activities is an important part of the educational process. Our Athletic and Activity programs offer opportunities for students to learn the values of teamwork, responsibility, competition, diversity, and a sense of culture and community. Extracurricular activities provide a channel for reinforcing the lessons learned in the classroom, giving students the chance to apply academic skills in a real world context. Our goal is to provide opportunities that will not only make students more well-rounded, but that also create a sense of pride in having what it takes to be a Blue Devil.

Competitive Clubs	<p>We have several competitive activities, which are those that often require a try-out or audition process and are very time intensive. These activities travel throughout the conference, region, state and sometimes nation to compete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholastic Bowl (Academic Team) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Mathletes (Math Team) Speech Team
Cultural Clubs	<p>These are groups that run activities and events, which contribute to or enhance the aesthetic, artistic, historical, intellectual or social development or appreciation of members of the school district and general public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AVANZA Black Student Union French Club International Club Muslim Student Association (MSA) South Asian Student Organization Spanish Club Unite and Inform
Drama and Fine Arts	<p>Drama offers an array of opportunities for students interested in performance, design and leadership. Through rigorous training, and a spirit of collaboration, our students produce compelling works of art that move audiences to think, feel, and re-imagine the world as they know it.</p> <p>The Fine Arts Department seeks to help students find their strengths and to foster all students' creative and artistic instincts. Covering three curricular departments (Art, Band, and Choir) and a wide variety of extra-curricular programs, Fine Arts provides each student a unique opportunity to develop creativity and purpose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Club Band Choir Drama Club Fall Play Spring Musical Fall Dinner Theater Giggles and Bits Children's Play
Honor Societies	<p>The purpose of our honor societies is to not only reward high academic achievements, but also promote high standards of scholarship, stimulate a continued interest in those areas of study, create enthusiasm for other cultures, and to be a contributing member to our community and society as a whole. All of our honor societies also have a community service requirement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French National Honor Society National Honor Society Spanish National Honor Society
Publications	<p>Our students who are involved in these clubs assist in the preparation of creating yearbooks, magazines, online newspapers, and other works that get published and shared throughout the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creations Magazine Newspaper: Scratch Paper Yearbook
Service Organizations	<p>These are clubs are dedicated to volunteering and promoting responsible citizenship and good government, community, national, and international welfare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Mother Earth's Concerned Students (MECS) Students of Service (SOS)
Specific Interest Clubs	<p>We offer approximately 20 clubs that don't necessarily fall into one of the categories above but are specifically focused on advancing a specific area of knowledge, learning or technology where members cooperate to affect or to produce solutions within their particular field, and may communicate, meet, and organize special events for the school district and community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anime Club Astronomy Club Christians in Action Future Doctors of America Mud Club (Ceramics) Pride Club Red Cross Youth Club Student Council Tech Team Vegan Club Wallflowers Warren Hack Club Warren Wellness Ambassadors Youth and Government



Fall Athletic Camps September 21-October 31

Register for any of the following camps by visiting the Athletics page on the WTHS website:

Badminton
 Baseball
 Boys and Girls Basketball
 Cheerleading
 Football
 Boys and Girls Lacrosse
 Boys and Girls Soccer
 Softball
 Boys Track and Field
 Boys and Girls Volleyball
 Boys and Girls Water Polo

Thank you!

On Saturday, September 12, Warren's philanthropic club and Almond Students of Service, volunteered at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville. While adhering to CDC guidelines, the juniors and seniors packed 48 boxes of food that will be distributed to malnourished children in developing countries.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks and senior ads are on sale now at www.yearbookordercenter.com. Please go to this website to see the current prices and the dates in which the price increases will occur for both.

We are still planning on having a full-fledged yearbook which will include the Creations literary magazine. Class portraits will be taken for all classes and will be included in the yearbook. The picture dates have not yet been established but may take place as late as second semester. The deadline for senior ads is November 1, 2020. No orders will be taken after November 1st.