

# Warren Connection: Happy New Year!

January 4, 2019



Dear Warren Community,

As we begin the second semester of the 2018-19 school year, many students in our WTHS community are beginning to prepare for significant transitions in their academic and personal journeys. We have been wrapping up the process of gaining information from our current freshman, sophomore and junior classes for course selections for next year. We also have been hosting informational evenings and gathering data and interests from our Class of 2023 (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders) to hopefully provide for a smooth and important transition into WTHS late next summer.

Also significant is the reality that our current senior class will be starting their last semester at WTHS and will start to solidify their post-secondary plans very soon. This is often a very fun but scary time for seniors. I would encourage our seniors and parents to spend quality time together over the next few months discussing the future and creating memories. The time left in their high school careers for the Class of 2019 will fly by!



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## Make-up Day

In order to make up the emergency day used on November 26, 2018 due to adverse weather, we plan to make the following change in the school calendar.

### Tuesday, May 28 will be a student attendance day.

Please keep in mind there are four more emergency days built into the calendar that could possibly be used should the need arise. We hope the weather will not cause the need for any more calendar changes this school year.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### January 19

M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

**SIP Days**  
**2-Hour Late Start**  
**January 14, 28**

Institute Day - No Student Attendance  
January 7

First Day for Students - Second Semester  
January 8

Summer School Registration Begins  
January 14

Sophomore College Planning  
@ O'Plaine Auditorium  
January 17 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

24-Hour Play Festival  
@ Almond Black Box Theatre  
January 19

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - District Closed  
January 21

Camino A College for Freshman/Sophomore  
Students @ O'Plaine Auditorium  
January 24 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Super Show @ O'Plaine Auditorium  
January 25 - 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Almond Campus Open House  
January 31 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



## Board of Education News

### WTHS and the Schuler Scholar Program Work Together

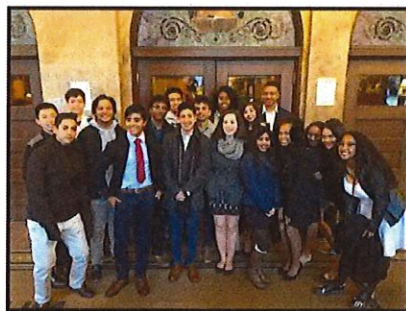
The Schuler Scholar program was featured at the December 18, 2018 Board of Education meeting. The Schuler Scholar program is designed to identify and support high-achieving and under-represented students to gain access to and succeed at highly selective colleges and universities. Schuler has been a partner with WTHS since 2008, and works with and provides support to approximately 20 students per class (freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors) at WTHS in taking rigorous course loads and in the post-secondary college search process.



Annie Cho, WTHS Schuler Scholar school director, shared with the Board that annually our Schuler students' grade point averages are above 3.5 and there is approximately 85% retention across all classes in the program at WTHS. The students who were Schuler Scholars from our WTHS Class of 2018 benefitted with average financial aid packages without loans of over \$54,000. Additionally, the partnering colleges and universities also have mentoring and support systems in place to help the students in transition and while at college. There has also been a new program of professional supports and networking available upon entering the workforce.



Schuler Scholars Class of 2019



Schuler Scholars Class of 2020



Schuler Scholars Class of 2021



Schuler Scholars Class of 2022

### Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2018-2019 School Year

The Board's meeting schedule for the 2018-2019 school year is on the District's website. Meetings will generally start at 6:30 p.m. with an Executive Session in the Board Conference Room at the District Office, followed by an Open Session at 7:30 p.m. in the Almond Campus Library. The WTHS District Office and Almond Campus are both located at 34090 Almond Road, Gurnee 60031. Meeting notices will be posted 48 hours prior to the meeting, as required.

### Recap of December 18, 2018 Board of Education Meeting

The meeting began with a public hearing for the 2018 Tax Levy in which the public was invited to present written or oral testimony with respect to the 2018 tax levy. Mr. Engel presented an overview of the 2018 tax levy. There was no testimony received and the public hearing was closed.

Presentation and reports were provided for the following items:

- Schuler Scholar Program Partnership Report
- Insurance Committee, December 11, 2018
- Policy Committee, December 11, 2018
- Curriculum Committee, December 12, 2018
- Superintendent's Report included a change to the 2018-19 school calendar, winter break building hours and monthly reports
- Treasurer's Reports for November 2018
- First Reading of District Board policies
- Information Regarding the Sale of Bonds
- Solar project update

The Board approved the following items:

- Payment of bills in the amount of \$4,319,096.82
- Regular and Executive Session minutes of November 20, 2018
- Hiring recommendations for 15 employees and prospective candidates
- Approval of the Summer School Program 2019
- Approval of Social Studies Trip Proposal to Dublin and London, March 21-29, 2020
- Approval of First and Final Reading of District Board Policy 4:30, *Revenue and Investments*
- Approval of List of Financial Depositories
- Approval of Agreement for Professional Services with Gewalt Hamilton for the Almond Campus Tennis Courts and Parking Improvements
- Approval of the Purchase of one 2019 Ford F350 Pickup Truck
- Approval of the Agreement with Trane Building Advantage at the Almond Campus
- Approval of an Agreement with Trane Building Advantage at the O'Plaine Campus
- Approval of a R'Newal Service Program with Trane Building Advantage at the Almond Campus
- Approval of Transfer of Monies in the Working Cash Fund
- Resolution Authorizing Final Aggregate Tax Levy 2018



## Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. John P. Ahlgrim, Superintendent of Schools

### Congratulations

#### Illinois State Scholars Named

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission named 159 students from Warren Township High School as Illinois State Scholars for 2019.

Students are chosen based on their college entrance exam scores at the end of their junior year in high school.

Illinois State Scholars are expected to have potential for much success in college, but there is no monetary award for being named a scholar. Each scholar will receive a certificate of recognition.

Warren students named Illinois State Scholars are: Dren Aguado, Samuel Aiello, Christian Alcantara, Kaylee Aleksic, Eli Ameyibor, Shannon Antonio, Andrea Ardeleanu, Carissa Barker, Amritha Bellary, Megan Best, Shyama Bhatt, Mattison Blanck, Steven Bosko, Michael Boyke, Emma Brady, Lauren Brezina, Dustin Brueggemann, Richard Chiu, Courtney Chomko, Aubrey Chuen, Alyssa Church, Ora Cohen, Maura Conlon, Mitchell Conlon, Sara Craig, Jeric Cuasay, Santiago Currea, Kevin Czerwinski, Tanya Czosek, Madison Delapena, Sophia Diaz, Najila Dilosa, Janhvi Dubey, Tinyah Ervin, Jake Fanizza, Reilly Farrell, Elizabeth Fenelon, Hannah Fleishman-Norton, Spenser Fong, Peyton Friedlander, Caroline Felizze Garcillano, Wesley Gari, Rebecca Geiyer, Inman Glass, Julie Griesser, Madilyn Gryzik, Jeremy Gunter, Jacob Haapala, Gillian Hadding, Lucas Hadding, Joseph Hale, Tate Hankla, Haley Hart, Morgan Herbst, Paige Herbst, Elizabeth Heron, Charles Hines, Brandon Houtz, Amanda Howe, Hannah Jaros, Molly Jaros, Erika Jimenez, Trenton Kauffman, Cade Kelly, Angela Kim, Ji Soo Kim, Lauren Kim, Audrey King, Kayla Klemz, Alexandra Kolar, Joshua Kora, Karen Krause, Melissa Kreppein, Matthew Kroll, Kamden Kuklinski, Bradley Kunin, Alex Kuscsik, Amanda Langosch, Daniel Lense, Jessica Lim, Kelsey Lin, Clara Lodesky, Jessamyn Lopez, Dana Lundtveit, Liam Maag, Jose Maldonado, Grant Maresca, Kellen Martin, Michael Maxfield, Robin McCollum, Matthew Megginson, Saranya Menon, Amanda Mietus, Payton Miscichowski, Nihad Mokkath, Marcello Montes, Max Nevel, Brandon Nitto, Kayla Nommensen, Jack Nudelman, David Olander, Alexander Osterman, Michael Osuji, Simran Patel, Zachary Pelland, Alyssa Pinner, Robert Piton, Emma Preda, Cameron Pride, Veeshva Rana, Hannah Rawhoof, Zachary Relova, Tyler Revesz, Love Deep Riar, Anna Richey, Olivia Rodriguez, Rafael Rodriguez, Abigail Roman-Ahlgrim, Bria Romero, Maia Russell, Thomas Ryner, Shaun Samuel, Hannia Sanchez-Alvarado, Alexandria Sapp, Justin Schmitt, Catherine Schoenherr, Collin Schwarz, Eric Schweikl, Cameron Seider, Jovan Selakovic, Nicole Shamash, Sophie Shulman, Alyssa Sinclair, Amarpreet Singh, Janelle Sison, Joshua Smoron, Shelby Stams, Matthew Steel, Amelia Steinlein, Daniella Strauss, Sara Striepling, Hazel Swain, Kathryn Swoboda, Rachel Syverud, Brian Tabourot, Cole Thompson, Amanda Tibbals, Mary Turner, Reza Usmani, Kael Valdez, Jayel Versoza, Joshua Vondracek, Alexandra Wachter, Matthew Walowski, Ryan Walowski, Alexandria Weihs, John Welch, Daniel Whalen, and Cameron Whiteside.

#### Solar Project Update

At the December 18 meeting, the Board of Education discussed the progress of the Almond campus solar project. The District and Performance Services Inc. (PSI) are still waiting on final approval from Lake County on the tree replacement plan, which was submitted in response to the County's guidance on tree removal that is projected to occur on the south end of the Almond Campus.

Dr. Ahlgrim also reviewed with the Board some prior investigation regarding potential rooftop solar panels. He provided information on an analysis that PSI had completed early on in this process, which indicated that if additional



solar panel locations are necessary, rooftop mounts will also be an option. The Almond roof is scheduled to be replaced within the next few years on our capital projects schedule. Placement of panels on the roof after replacement of the roof could provide up to a maximum of 65% of the Almond electricity usage.

The Board also discussed having an initial community-wide meeting regarding the solar project in January or February now that we have adequate preliminary information to share.

#### Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee Meeting

February 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

#### Board Conference Room at the District Office

If you are interested in attending, please email Dr. John Ahlgrim at [jahlgrim@wths.net](mailto:jahlgrim@wths.net)

This committee assists in the development of student discipline policy and procedure, and provide information and recommendations to the Board. Its members are parents/guardians and teachers, and may include persons who have expertise or experience in these areas. The committee reviews such issues as administering medication in the schools, reciprocal reporting between the School District and local law enforcement agencies regarding criminal offenses committed by students, student discipline, disruptive classroom behavior, school bus safety procedures, and the dissemination of student conduct information. (Board Policy 2:150, Committees)



## News from Instructional Services

by Christopher J. Geocar, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services

### Senior Chromebooks

Beginning this spring, seniors will be able to keep their Chromebooks when they graduate from Warren. **There will be no additional fee for students to keep their Chromebooks.** We are excited to be able to provide these devices to our students to continue to use in their future endeavors.

We have created a page on our website to provide all the information our seniors will need as they prepare to transfer their Chromebooks and Google accounts out of Warren's domain to personal-use accounts. Our Senior Technology Information page is under the Academics drop-down on our school website. [Click here](#) for a direct link to the Senior Technology page.



In April, we will begin to communicate specific instructions and timelines that seniors will need to follow in order to take ownership of their Chromebooks. Seniors will be given specific instructions to do the following:

- Transfer their Chromebook out of the WTHS Google Domain
- Move their Google Drive Files from WTHS Google Accounts to a personal Google Account
- Update contact information in Naviance
- Download assignments from Canvas, if desired

This process will not impact seniors' ability to complete any course work or final exams at the end of the year.

Any questions regarding senior Chromebooks may be directed to Matt Jones, Assistant Principal at the Almond Campus.

## News From Student Services

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

Happy Winter Break! The Student Services Department helped students get through final exams prior to winter break with our annual De-Stress Fest at both campuses. A special thank you to the social workers and Warren Wellness Ambassadors for organizing the event. Fun was had by both students and staff! We look forward to welcoming students back next semester. When students return, our counselors will be confirming course selections for the 2019-20 school year. Please take a few minutes to discuss this with your student.

### DeStress Fest on December 14, 2018





## News From Business Services and Operations

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

**Dish Machine  
installation  
at the O'Plaine  
cafeteria is complete.**



### School Bus Drivers and Bus Aides Wanted

- Starting pay \$17.50/hr. Higher with experience; Paid training!
- Complete benefit package
- Referral bonus
- Apply in Person or online @ [www.d121.org](http://www.d121.org) and select Human Resources
- Please contact Jeanne Turf, Director of Transportation at 847-599-4787 or [jturf@wths.net](mailto:jturf@wths.net)

### Facilities

Building and Grounds staff are busy during the winter break continuing work on several projects: new carpet will be installed in several offices at the O'Plaine campus and some hallways, classrooms and entryways will be getting a fresh coat of paint at both campuses.

Looking ahead, we will be replacing the three main heating boilers and two domestic hot water heaters at the O'Plaine campus.

### Tennis Courts at the Almond Campus

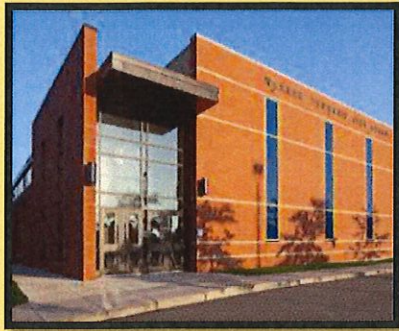
The tennis courts will receive much needed renovations that were approved by the Board of Education on December 18, 2018. Gewalt Hamilton will be doing the design work for eight tennis courts and have an option for ten if pricing is appropriate. We are all looking forward to the tennis courts being renovated beginning in early May of 2019.





## Principal's Corner at the Almond Campus

by Rob Parrott



### Graduation

Graduation is right around the corner and our website is the best location for graduation information.

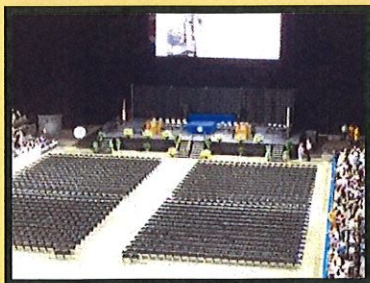
Please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit our graduation page on our website.

The graduation ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates.

Warren Township High School works directly with Jostens for graduation announcements, caps and gowns, and other Class of 2019 merchandise created by Jostens. Our school representative is Mr. Brian Walter.

If you haven't already placed your order, you can order online directly through the Jostens website. [Click here](#) to be directed to the website.

If you have any questions for Jostens, you can email them at [walteroffice@jostens.com](mailto:walteroffice@jostens.com) or call them directly at 847-818-8419.



### Open House and Parent Session on Vaping

The Almond Campus will have second semester Open House for parents on **Thursday, January 31, 2019, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Our staff looks forward to meeting all of our parents and/or guardians. You will have the opportunity to follow your student's schedule and meet the staff members that work with your son or daughter. Please bring a recent copy of their schedule.

Before the Open House begins, we are inviting parents to a session on *Vaping and E-Cigarettes: What Parents Need to Know*. Our deans' will lead an **information session from 6:00 - 6:25 p.m. in the Almond Campus cafeteria**. This short presentation will provide parents with information on vaping, an increasing and dangerous trend among students across the country.



### Senior Second Semester Final Exam Exemption Information

I want to remind seniors and their parents about our final exam policy and attendance incentive for second semester. All seniors will be required to take final exams second semester. However, they have the opportunity to be exempt if they meet the requirements of the grade/attendance incentive. The requirements to meet the incentive to be exempt from second semester finals are as follows (NEED TO MEET ALL THREE REQUIREMENTS):

1. A student has five (5) or less **EXCUSED** absences from a class.
2. A student has a B- (80%) or higher in class.
3. A student has zero (0) **UNEXCUSED** absences.

I am optimistic that all of our seniors will strive to meet the requirements of the incentive. Please be aware that the incentive applies individually to each class second semester. A student may meet the requirement in some or all of their classes.

At the end of the day Friday, May 10, 2019, grades and attendance will be finalized in regards to the incentive. On Monday, May 13, 2019, students will be able to confirm if they met the criteria for each class that they are enrolled in and review for the final exam. As a result, if your student meets the requirements of the incentive, their last day of class will be Monday, May 13, 2019. If they need to take a final(s), they will take their final(s) on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. There is not an appeal process for the incentive as the information in PowerSchool at the end of the day Friday, May 10, 2019 will determine if the incentive has been met.

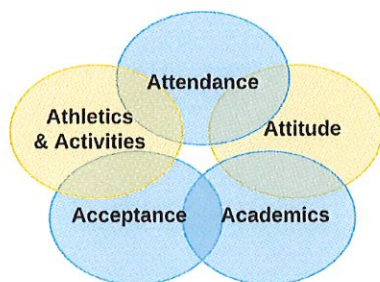


## Principal's Corner at the O'Plaine Campus

by Michele Bertola

Happy 2019! I hope you enjoyed time with friends and family over the winter break. We look forward to welcoming back our students and plan to challenge them to start the semester on a strong note.

We will ask them to reflect on the five A's: Attendance, Academics, Attitude, Acceptance, and Athletics/Activities. We will ask them to create a game plan to improve in the areas they most need it. Please ask them what they have learned from first semester in regards to "owning their learning" and what they plan to improve upon second semester.



Thank you for your support!

### Open House

Please join us for Parent Open House on Thursday, **February 7, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Our staff looks forward to meeting all of our parents and/or guardians. You will have the opportunity to follow your student's schedule and meet the staff members that work with your son or daughter. Please bring a recent copy of their schedule.

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### Supports for Students

#### Late Buses

Students can stay after school to participate in activities or get extra help Mondays through Thursdays. Monday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays the late bus leaves O'Plaine at 4:00 p.m. On Tuesdays the late bus leaves at 4:45 p.m. The late bus always leaves from the North end of the building.

#### Resource Room

Students can get help in English, Social Studies, Math, and Science periods 1-8 by reporting straight to rooms 204B, 201A, 313B, or 237.

Resource Room Help for Students! O'Plaine Campus	
English Room 204B	Social Studies Room 201A
Open During Study Halls! Periods 1-8	
Math Room 313B	Science Room 237

#### Spanish Resource

Peer tutoring offered by the Spanish National Honor Society on Thursdays in the O'Plaine library after school from 3:30-4:00 p.m.

#### Library

Our library is open in the morning, during the school day, and after school for students to work collaboratively.

#### Teacher Office Hours

Students can make appointments with teachers as needed based on student and teacher schedules.

#### Student Services

Students can make an appointment with a social worker, guidance counselor, or dean in the main office.



## News about Athletics

by Becky Belmont, Director of Athletics



### **Class of 2023 Athletic and Activity Night**

January 30, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
in the O'Plaine Campus Auditorium  
and Gymnasium.

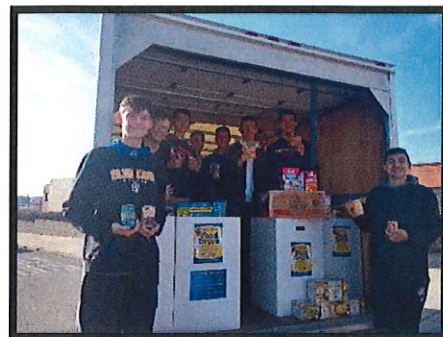
Incoming freshmen can get a sneak  
preview of Warren Athletics.

Students and parents are encouraged  
to come and meet the coaches and  
Athletic Department staff.

Spirit wear and athletic program  
information will be available.

### **Community Project**

The Warren Wellness Ambassadors and Student Athletic Leadership Team (S.A.L.T.) joined forces to help special needs children and young adults in Lake County. SEDOL has a wonderful backpack program for students and their families. Approximately 1,100 pounds of non-perishable food items were collected for the SEDOL Backpack Program.



### **Warren Devilette Poms Clinic and Performance – February 2**

The Warren Devilettes are hosting a dance clinic on February 2, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for children grades K-8. The \$42 registration fee includes a day with the Devilettes, a t-shirt, and a court performance at a boys basketball game (on February 5, 2019) with two free admission tickets.

Registration is open now through January 18, 2019 with late registration through January 31.

Please visit <https://d121.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/home/> to register and for details.



### **Warren to host the following IHSA events**

Boys Bowling will host the IHSA Regional at Bertrand Bowling Lanes on January 12, 2019. Admission is \$5.

The Devilettes will host the IHSA Sectional at the Almond Campus on January 19, 2019. Admission is \$5.



## News about Activities

by Aimee Lonigro, Assistant Director of Athletics and Activities Coordinator

### Winter Dance

The winter Turnabout dance will take place on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Almond campus.

Tickets are \$15 and will be on sale from February 4-7, 2019.

The winter dance is for WTHS students only. Dress for this dance is typically the theme of the dance, which will be announced in mid-January. Sweat suits and/or loungewear are not permitted.

Students with outstanding school or athletic fee balances may not be eligible to purchase dance tickets. To confirm eligibility, please contact a campus bookkeeper.

### Competitive Activities

Speech Team: Warren will host IHSA Speech Regionals at the O'Plaine Campus on February 2, 2019.

Scholastic Bowl: Currently 2nd in the NSC with a record of 7-2.

Math Team: Congratulations on placing 1st or 2nd in their first 3 competitions of the year.

Drama: Good luck to the cast of the fall play, *Anonymous*, and Andrea Martinez as they compete in the State Theatre Festival on Friday, January 11th in Champaign, Illinois.

### Get involved in WARREN ACTIVITIES!

Check the website for more information:

<https://il02214492.schoolwires.net/domain/40>



### Community Projects

Thank you Student Council for organizing the Letters for Santa drive.

Thank you to the Drama Club for running the Toys for Tots drive.

Thank you to the Drama Booster Club for hosting the Santa's Breakfast and Children's Play.

