

# Warren Connection: Hello Autumn

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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.



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October 11  
School District Closed

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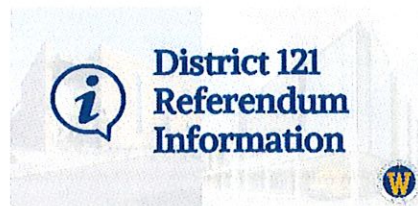


HOME OF THE BLUE DEVILS

## Board of Education News

Get the Facts About the  
Referendum Question at  
[www.d121.org/referendum](http://www.d121.org/referendum)

WTHS is working to provide our school community with information related to the June 28, 2022, referendum question. Some of these efforts include in-person information sessions before and after open house events at both campuses, along with in-person information sessions with fine arts parents in conjunction with other previously scheduled meetings or events.



### WTHS Board of Education

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### Community Forum Opportunities

Would you like the District to provide an informational forum for a school or community group to learn about the facts related to the District's revenue challenges and referendum question? Please reach out to Dr. John Ahlgrim at 847-548-7144 or email [jahlgrim@wths.net](mailto:jahlgrim@wths.net).

Check out the District's referendum information webpage at  
<https://www.d121.org/referendum>.

We continue to post information about the 60-cent operating rate increase question on the June 28 ballot. The webpage now includes the informational session slide presentation and a video from the open house nights.

Increased funding will be necessary for the district to offer the same level of academics, activities and athletics that we have been proud to provide to our community over the years.



On August 17, the Board of Education approved a 60-cent operating rate increase question that will appear on the ballot June 28, 2022. A 60-cent increase would provide approximately \$13.25 million in additional revenue annually, with an estimated annual tax impact of \$200 (\$16.67 per month) per \$100,000 of a home's fair market value. Increased funding will allow the district to preserve the 8-period school day, improve academic supports and mental health services, restore and protect activities and clubs, and restore and protect athletics. It would also allow us to lower student fees to rates comparable with other Lake County high school districts.

The Board is allowing the district to restore entry-level athletic teams, as well as preserve current band staffing (a tentative staffing reduction for the 2022-23 school year) and programming if voters approve the referendum in June 2022. This allowance would be to the extent possible based on the time available prior to the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

### Recap of September 14 and September 28 Board of Education Meetings

At the September 28 Board meeting, the Board recognized Keegan Knott for participating in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics on the paralympics swim team.

Presentations, reports and discussion regarding the following items:

- Written Report and Presentation on Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Plan and Return to School Plan and Public Comment on the ESSER III Plan
- Public Hearing for the FY22 Tentative Budget
- Department Report: Technology, Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP) and Grant Funding
- Treasurer's Reports, August 2021
- Referendum Updates
- Return to School Updates
- Notification to Post Required Salaries for FY21
- Discussion of Sale of District Property Process

The Board approved the following items:

- Approval of personnel recommendations for 16 candidates or employees
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$1,067,250.81 and \$3,918,271.20
- Regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes of August 17, 2021 and Sept. 14, 2021
- Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Gifts to the District
- Second Reading and Approval of District Board Policies
- Approval of Revised FY22 Tentative Staffing Plan
- Resolution to Close Community Trust Credit Union Account
- Approval of Student Fees for the 2022-2023 School Year
- Resolution to Close Lake Forest Bank and Trust Account
- Approval of Proposal with Trane Building Services for the O'Plaine Campus Head End Room
- Adoption of the FY22 Budget

## Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. John P. Ahlgrim, Superintendent of Schools



A critical aspect of the district's referendum information efforts is to provide clarity and details regarding the anticipated reductions for the next two years without additional funding.

There are several programs affected by the referendum question, including the length of our school day (8-period day), academic and mental health assistance, activity programs, and athletic programs. The information on this page focuses on the anticipated activity and club reductions.

We have a wide variety of activities and clubs that allow students to participate in their areas of interest, while empowering them to feel more connected to school in general. These activities support our students' social and emotional needs. **Without additional funding, the district is planning to eliminate some activities and clubs over the next two years.**

Over half of the students at WTHS are involved in our student clubs and organizations. They not only offer opportunities for our students, but also provide wonderful service and pride for our WTHS community.

Specifically, for the 2022-23 school year, the district is planning the reduction of 13 staff positions. One of these positions is expected to be a band director position, without which our band programming is greatly reduced. This includes the elimination of our competitive marching band. The Board is allowing the district to restore band staffing and programming, to the greatest extent possible, if a successful referendum occurs in June 2022.

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## Get the Facts About the Referendum Question: Investing in our Students

### *Restoring and Protecting Activities and Clubs*

Warren Township High School recognizes that participating in extracurricular activities is an important part of the educational experience. 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 make students more well-rounded and create a sense of pride about having what it takes to be a Blue Devil.

Competitive Clubs	<p>We have several competitive activities, which are those that often require a tryout 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"> <li>• Scholastic Bowl (Academic Team)</li> <li>• Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)</li> <li>• Mathletes (Math Team)</li> <li>• Mock Trial</li> <li>• Science Olympiad</li> <li>• Speech Team</li> <li>• Youth and Government</li> </ul>
Cultural Based Activities	<p>These are groups that run activities and events that 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"> <li>• AVANZA</li> <li>• Black Student Union (BSU)</li> <li>• French Club</li> <li>• International Club</li> <li>• Muslim Student Association (MSA)</li> <li>• South Asian Student Organization</li> <li>• Spanish Club</li> <li>• Unite and Inform</li> </ul>
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. The Fine Arts Department seeks to help students find their strengths and 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"> <li>• Art Club</li> <li>• Band</li> <li>• Choir</li> <li>• Drama Club</li> <li>• Fall Play</li> <li>• Spring Musical</li> <li>• Fall Dinner Theater</li> <li>• Giggles and Bits</li> <li>• Children's Play</li> </ul>
Honor Societies	<p>The purpose of our honor societies is to reward high academic achievements and promote high standards of scholarship, stimulate a continued interest in those areas of study, create enthusiasm for other cultures, and be a contributing member to our community and society. All of our honor societies also have a community service requirement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French National Honor Society</li> <li>• National Honor Society (NHS)</li> <li>• Spanish National Honor Society</li> </ul>
Publications	<p>Students 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"> <li>• Creations Magazine</li> <li>• Newspaper: Scratch Paper</li> <li>• Yearbook</li> </ul>
Service Organizations	<p>These clubs are dedicated to volunteering and promoting responsible citizenship and good government, along with community, national, and international welfare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)</li> <li>• Mother Earth's Concerned Students (MECS)</li> <li>• National Honor Society (NHS)</li> <li>• Students of Service (SOS)</li> </ul>
Specific Interest Clubs	<p>We offer approximately 20 clubs 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. Some of these clubs are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anime Club</li> <li>• Astronomy Club</li> <li>• Christians in Action</li> <li>• Future Doctors of America</li> <li>• Health Occupations Student Assn. (HOSA)</li> <li>• Pride Club</li> <li>• Red Cross Youth Club</li> <li>• Student Athletic Trainers</li> <li>• Student Council</li> <li>• Table Top Gaming</li> <li>• Tech Team</li> <li>• Warren eSports League</li> <li>• Warren Wellness Ambassadors</li> </ul>

## News From Student Services

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



### Attendance Procedures

If your child needs to miss school (regardless of vaccination status), please leave specific details as to why they are absent (sore throat, fever, new cough, etc.) when you call the attendance office.

- If it is NOT COVID-19 related (overslept, sports injury, documented allergy problems, etc.), please say so and you will not get a follow-up call.
- If your child has COVID-19 symptoms, please take them for a PCR test as soon as possible. A negative test will be required to return to school if your child has COVID-19 symptoms. If it is the common cold or anything else, the negative test will allow your child to get back to school.

Testing is readily available at most pharmacies or your primary physician's office. We cannot accept over-the-counter rapid tests to return to school.

Attendance Office at Almond Campus  
[AlmAttendance@wths.net](mailto:AlmAttendance@wths.net)  
847-548-6333

Attendance Office at O'Plaine Campus  
[OplAttendance@wths.net](mailto:OplAttendance@wths.net)  
847-599-4799

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, our health office is working extremely hard to keep our buildings safe. If your child is out sick with COVID-19 symptoms, please schedule a test and send the results to our nurse prior to their return. There is no cost to the tests at most testing locations. If your child has been vaccinated, a rapid test is all that is needed. You can get the test relatively easily at Walgreens, CVS, or your physician and get the results the same day. If your child is unvaccinated, you need to get a PCR test.

Two locations we suggest are:

- College of Lake County University Center Room 112 - Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- LCHD Water Street location - Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We hope everyone has settled into being back on campus! It is extremely important for kids to have a structured schedule to remain on track. We know that being remote last year was 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. 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.

### Student Services Teams

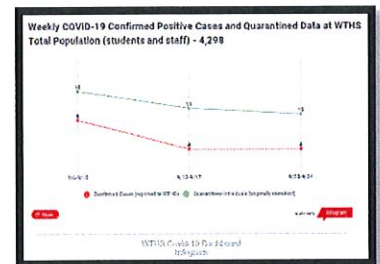
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### News from the Health Office

In case you missed the September 29 letter to parents from Dr. Ahlgrim, please see the following important information:

*"Warren Township High School has developed a dashboard to help provide you with a broader view of how COVID-19 is affecting our school community. The dashboard shows our total weekly number of positive cases and total weekly number of individuals quarantined due to positive cases and close contacts."*

*The numbers generally align with the communications we send to families when we have a positive case in our school and are notifying our community of the contact tracing process. Please note that, in some instances, there may be a positive case that was not on one of our campuses 48 hours prior to the positive test. As a result, the district will not send an email notification, but the case will be reflected on the dashboard. Finally, the total number of quarantined individuals includes positive cases; therefore, the quarantine number will always be higher than the positive case count.*



*The dashboard will be updated weekly and is on our Return to School page at <https://www.d121.org/Page/788>*

*The vast majority of situations in which students have had to miss school due to a COVID-19 positive case and/or close contact continue to be for unvaccinated students. Generally, vaccinated students are significantly less likely to get sick from COVID-19 and/or will not need to be quarantined due to potential close contact with other individuals who may test positive.*

*In partnership with the Lake County Health Department, WTHS supports efforts to get everyone who is eligible vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. The combination of proper masking and being vaccinated will keep our school safe and keep students in school. If you have not done so already, please consider getting your child vaccinated."*

### Lake County Health Department

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

<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4377/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>

## News from Business Services and Operations

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

### Breakfast and Lunch Update for All Students for the 2021-22 School Year

Representatives from Quest Food Management Services visited the Almond campus on Thursday, September 16, to discuss student experiences with this school year's federally funded breakfast and lunch program. With this program comes new nutritional requirements, portion sizes, cooking methods, and ingredients for the food service program, as dictated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These changes are, in some cases, substantial compared to the menu options available in the pre-COVID era.

In response to student concerns, Quest has taken immediate action and is implementing the following changes to improve food service quality:

- Reducing the quantity of food cooked and increasing the frequency of cooking, preventing cooked food from sitting and losing its quality over the course of multiple lunch periods.
- At the start of the school year, Quest prepared and wrapped entrees such as burritos, burgers, and other items prior to lunch. They have now shifted to made-to-order, which has been well-received by the students. The quality is much better and students are able to move through the lines quickly.
- The Regional Culinary Director and other members of the Quest culinary team are working with the school team to correct recipe adherence issues and instill consistency.
- Quest will display entrée plates at the made-to-order stations so students can see the products available. There are more a la carte items for sale as they become available from distributors.

Quest takes food service and quality control very seriously and is working with tremendous urgency to ensure quality is top-notch. We sincerely appreciate your support and partnership and we are committed to getting the program up to very high standards. Please visit the district webpage for full details: <https://il02214492.schoolwires.net/Page/193>.

### Come Join Our Team!



### School Bus Drivers and Aides Wanted

- Starting pay \$20.00/hr. We will pay you for your training.
- Complete benefit package
- Referral and signing bonus
- Apply in person or online @ [www.d121.org](http://www.d121.org) and select the Human Resources tab
- Questions? Call Jeanne Turf, Director of Transportation at 847-599-4787 or email [jturf@wths.net](mailto:jturf@wths.net)

#### Warren Township High School District 121

Warren Township High School District 121 is a comprehensive four-year high school with an enrollment of nearly 3,900 students. The school district covers over 50 square miles and includes all or part of Beach Park, Gages Lake, Grandwood Park, Grayslake, Gurnee, Millburn, Old Mill Creek, Park City, Third Lake, Wadsworth, Waukegan and Wildwood.



### 2021 Tax Levy

October is when WTHS formally begins the tax levy process. The tax levy is the amount of money a governmental entity (like a public school district) requests to be collected from property tax. This usually takes place every year between October and December.

The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, commonly referred to as "TAX CAP" or "PTELL", limits the increase in property tax extensions (amounts actually received by the District) to 5% or the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of the previous December, whichever is less, not counting new construction or Bond & Interest Obligations.

Last year, the district tax extension (excluding debt service) was approved to collect \$45,841,306.36 in tax revenue. The CPI used for determining this year's levy will be 1.40%. This means the District will be allowed to receive \$641,778 more than the previous year, plus whatever taxes are generated from new properties, including any expiring or closed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) areas.

Warren determines the levy by the District's needs. The annual budget expenditures for the education program and support services are projected to define the "need" for financial resources. The District then prepares an annual request (tax levy) and the Board adopts that levy request by December each year after holding a public hearing.

The school board holds public meetings on the District's annual budget and levy (request for property tax revenues) for the next fiscal year. The budget is filed with the County Clerk's Office within 30 days of passage. The levy is filed with the County Clerk's Office by the last Tuesday in December.

## News from the Almond Campus Principal

by Rob Parrott, Almond Campus Principal



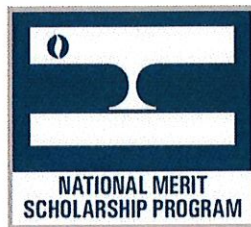
As a way to stay engaged with each other, we are asking that students wear Blue and Gold on Fridays of each week. This is something we promote each school year and are asking that our students show their school spirit each week by participating in Blue and Gold Fridays.



I am glad to be back and working together with our staff, students, and parents. It was nice to have families at our annual fall open house so that our parents could meet the teachers of their students.



Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 67th 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 Dhruval Bhatt, Isha Bordawekar and Ella Harper, who have been named Semifinalists in the 2022 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 2022 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 3 percent of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

WTHS also proud to announce that Andreas Ackron, Faaz Arif, Jackson Cole, Jayalakshmi Ganapathi-Subramanian, Rohan Iyer, Aron Jersild, Vaibhav Joshi, Fatima Naveed, Mandy Osuji, Joyce Qui, Cooper Stacey, Brooke Sturt, Andrea Velez, and David Zhang have been named "Commended Students" in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Although we have just started the school year, I am always mindful of how fast the time goes for our students. Whether it is the juniors adjusting to the rigors of a new school year or our seniors navigating the college application process, the time in high school moves quickly. This year still has challenges that our students can learn from and demonstrate their resilience. Our staff understands the various demands of each of these years, and they are always willing to help support our students and parents so they can be successful.

Thank you and, as always, Go Blue Devils!

## News from the O'Plaine Campus Principal

by Michele Bertola, O'Plaine Campus Principal

Happy Fall! It has been a busy start to the school year and it feels so good to be working with students, staff, parents, and community. Thank you to all who came to our open house. I hope you enjoyed your time to experience your student's schedule, see our building, and meet our teachers.

Students are challenged each day to work hard in their classes, stay engaged in their work, and get involved in our school community. We talk daily about what it means for students to own their learning and develop habits that work best for them. Here are some resources to support students with these challenges:

- Testing Center: Students can make up tests or quizzes here.
- Resource Rooms: Students can get help from teachers in Math, Science, and Reading/Writing throughout the day.
- Lunch Study Hall: All students have a half-period study hall opposite their lunch.
- Virtual Study Table: Students can access virtual teacher help in Math, Science, English, and Social Studies on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00p.m.
- Virtual Activity Fair: Students can use this interactive Activity Fair to find out more about our clubs and activities.

Last week, we had an Activity Fair at which students could walk around the gym during their lunch study hall to learn about various clubs and activities we have at WTHS. I encourage all students to get involved in something here at Warren. Students can also utilize the Virtual Activity Fair (see the link above) to learn more about our wide range of activities.



We look forward to a strong start to October. Please continue to encourage your students to focus on The Warren Way. We are Respectful, Resilient, Engaged, Now and Always. Go Blue Devils!



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## News about Athletics

by Becky Belmont, Director of Athletics



Warren is welcoming all fans back on campus. Our indoor policy is that everyone wears a mask regardless of vaccination status. We ask that when you are here for outdoor events, you wear a mask if you are not fully vaccinated.

### GoFan Online and Digital Tickets

Warren Township High School has moved to an all online and digital ticketing platform for our events in which we charge entry fees. We will no longer be accepting cash at the gates. Please get your tickets prior to coming to the event.

#### How do I get tickets?

1. Visit the GoFan website at:  
<https://gofan.co/app/school/IL15712>
2. Go to [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co), search "Warren Township", and select event.
3. Scan-To-Buy
  - Open Phone Camera
  - Hover Over QR Code
  - Access GoFan Website



Winter sports are just around the corner! Please visit our website and register now.

All athletes must register and have a current physical on file in the Nurse's office to try out for any sport.

<https://warrentownship-ar.schooltoday.com/>

## Fall Sports Success

### Boys Cross County

The Boys' Cross-Country team is 3-0 in the conference. They also continued their winning ways at the Bill Dawson Blue Devil Invitational. The Varsity team won the race by 64 points and Luke Wiley ran the 3-mile course in 14:34, shattering the old record by 14 seconds. They also had a great 2nd place showing at the Midwest Invite in Janesville, WI. They fought hard against the 48-team field and only lost to the #1 ranked team in Wisconsin. Varsity runners Luke Wiley was the overall champion on the day by 9 seconds running 15:05 for 5K.

### Football

The Varsity Football team is 4-1 on the year with wins against Barrington, Zion-Benton, Lake Zurich, and Stevenson.

### Boys Golf

Boys Golf had their best showing in school history at NSC Championships. They shot a 307 and took 2nd place. Andreas Ackron took 4th w/75. Anders Johnson 5th w/76, Alex Welder 9 w/78, Vaughn Hartnig 15th w/78, and Nick Steinhilber 22nd w/79.



### Girls Golf

The Varsity team placed 5th in the NSC Tournament. Gracie Haupt led the team with a 96 and placed 17th. Other top scorers were Alaina Goeden who shot 97, Ally Badgley 98, and Jordan Dodd 99.

### Boys Soccer

The Varsity Soccer team is 8-1-4 overall and 2-0-2 in NSC play. Great job, boys!

### Girls Tennis

Girls Varsity Tennis improved to a 15-1 record. The highlight was a team championship at the Crystal Lake Central Invitational. All players medaled, and taking home 1st place in their flights were doubles teams Elizabeth Payson/Kaija Johnson, Madu Chander/Isabel Grimes, and Peyton Mueller in singles. Great play by #1 singles Anastasia Radovic in singles and an excellent comeback win vs. Lake Zurich by #1 doubles team Shannon Mahoney/Jaya Ganapathi.

### Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to the Varsity Volleyball team on their 4th place finish at Glenbard West tournament. Lauren Shaw and Ruth Ziegler were named to the All-tournament team selection. The girls are 3 – 0 in NSC play. Congratulations to Junior Gabrielle Brewer, who reached 1,000 assists in her Warren career.

Please visit the athletic team website for rosters, highlights, and schedules. We encourage and welcome you to come out and support our student athletes!  
<https://warrentownshiphs.rschooltteams.com/>

## News about Activities

by Aimee Lonigro, Assistant Director of Athletics and Director of Activities

Competitive activities are gearing up! If you are interested in competing in any of the following activities, please contact the respective sponsor and register right away.

REGISTER HERE: <https://warrentownship-ar.schooltoday.com/>

- Drama, Mr. Miller ([amiller@wths.net](mailto:amiller@wths.net)) or Ms. Zimmerman ([zimmerman@wths.net](mailto:zimmerman@wths.net))
- Math Team, Mrs. Stites ([kstites@wths.net](mailto:kstites@wths.net))
- Science Olympiad, Mr. Korah ([rkorah@wths.net](mailto:rkorah@wths.net))
- Scholastic Bowl, Mr. Miller ([cmiller@wths.net](mailto:cmiller@wths.net))
- Speech Team, Mrs. Meads ([cmeads@wths.net](mailto:cmeads@wths.net))
- Winter Guard, Mrs. Krier-Johnson ([jkrierjohnson@wths.net](mailto:jkrierjohnson@wths.net))

### 24 Hour Theatre



**24-Hour Theatre** kicked off Warren Theatre's 2021-2022 season. More than 75 students gathered on Friday, September 24, to engage in creating a show from scratch. The theme this year was "Sweet and Sour." Five student writing teams wrote original plays on Friday night.

On Saturday, September 25, the students met at the Almond Black Box to take these plays to the stage. Students directed and acted. Others served as lighting technicians, stage managers, stagehands, props masters, costumers, sound technicians, front-of-house personnel, marketing and social media managers, and hosts for the show.

24-Hour Theatre is the one event that brings ALL of drama club together in a production! The event is the Drama Club's annual fundraiser, as patrons were able to "vote through donations" for their favorite short play or for the crew. It was exciting to have a live audience after a year of performing online.

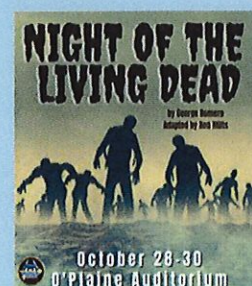
Thank you everyone who came out and gave financially. We are thankful for the Warren Drama Boosters, family, and friends and the Warren community who continue to support the arts. Our season this year is exciting, and we hope to see you at our shows this year!

This year's playbill can be found here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/warrentheatre24hour/home>



### Fall Main Stage, October 28-30 *Night of the Living Dead*



**ACTIVITY FAIR!**

DISCOVER  
YOUR  
PASSION

On Thursday, September 23, during lunch hours at the O'Plaine Campus, The Activity Department put on their second in-person Activity Fair. More than 30 clubs were represented by junior and senior leaders. During study halls, freshmen and sophomores were able to walk around the gym and gather information about meeting dates and times, tryouts, events, etc. It was a wonderful opportunity for our underclassmen to meet new people and find out what Warren has to offer in the world of extracurricular activities.

Thank you to the Almond and O'Plaine Students of Service for their volunteerism at Cool Ministries, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Mercy Housing, and AHA. The students have logged more than eight hours already this year!