



Dear Warren Community,

This edition of our Warren Connection shares some district news and celebrates highlights from many of our students and staff as we wrap up the 2021-22 school year. Thanks to our entire school community for your continuous support again this year, as we worked together to allow for a safe and rewarding "normal" school year at WTHS.

We also have included some information on the registration process for the 2022-23 school year, along with summer school and the summer hours for the District and campuses. Have a wonderful summer with your families and friends.

## Registration Information for the 2022-23 School Year

Please refer to the full registration information emailed on May 23 for additional information.



Eighth graders' parents have been emailed their Access ID and Password to create their Parent PowerSchool account, which will allow you to complete the online registration process.

The due date to complete registration is July 29, 2022. However, we ask that you complete this process as soon as possible.

You do not have to pay the fees in order to complete the online registration process. The fee payment site for the 2022-2023 school year should be updated and available for payments in July. When the fee payment site is available, a notification email will be sent to our families. Fees should be paid, or a payment plan approved, by August 15, 2022.

We have staff available now and throughout the summer by phone or email to assist with online registration or to answer questions. Our main number is 847-662-1400.

Our registrars can be reached by email at [aregistrar@wth.net](mailto:aregistrar@wth.net) for the Almond Campus and [oregistrar@wth.net](mailto:oregistrar@wth.net) for the O'Plaine Campus.

**2022-2023 School Year  
First day for all students  
is August 16**

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## Congratulations to the Class of 2022

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### Summer Hours June 6 through July 29, 2022

Starting Monday, June 6, through Friday, July 29, the daily hours for public access are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. District buildings are closed on Fridays. Parents and students may make an appointment after 3:30 p.m., if necessary.



## Congratulations to the Class of 2022!



The graduation ceremony was held at the NOW Arena in Hoffman Estates at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2022.

**Senior Graduation Speakers**  
Minahil Raheel and Mandy Osuji

**Graduation Ceremony Readers**  
Sean Mahoney and Betsy Sagala

**Senior Class Sponsors**  
Valerie Ayabarreno and Betsy Sagala

**Overall Coordinators**  
Rob Parrott and Dr. Laura Kirk

Thank you to all the faculty and staff who helped put together a memorable day for our graduates.



**988**

Number of candidates in the Class of 2022

**241**

241 students with academic honors according to a Cum Laude system (We do not class rank, so there is no Valedictorian/Salutatorian)

**120**

Cum Laude graduates who achieved between a 3.9 and 4.199 GPA

**53**

Magna Cum Laude graduates who achieved between a 4.2 and 4.399 GPA

**68**

Summa Cum Laude graduates who achieved a 4.4. or higher GPA

**127**

Illinois State Scholars

**5**

National Merit Finalists

**14**

Natl. Merit Commended

**3**

National Recognition Program

**Illinois Principal Association  
Lake Region Award**

Jay Roche and Isabella Zeit

### Almond Campus Principal's Reflections

The Class of 2022 has been a special class at Warren Township High School because they set the standard and were the leaders of our return to in-person learning. The Class of 2022 has had an experience like no other and has been resilient through it all. We are a large high school, but what makes this group so special is how they have prepared for life after high school given the difficult circumstances that interrupted almost half of their high school careers. They returned with a renewed appreciation for the many school events that were lost to them in previous years and their school spirit was infectious. They are entering their adult lives better prepared to pivot when needed, understand what is important to them, have a better understanding of their community, and they have developed critical skills needed to be successful. They have also learned the importance of being respectful of our differences, being resilient in the face of adversity, the power of being engaged and committed to academics, and the value of being flexible to navigate new realities they have never faced. Because of this, they are more ready than they realize for their future endeavors. I wish them nothing but the best.

Thank you Class of 2022 for your lasting impact on WTHS and remember We Are Respectful, Resilient, Engaged-Now and Always. Go Blue Devils! – Mr. Parrott





## Class of 2022 - Students with Academic Honors, According to a Cum Laude System

### Cum Laude graduates who achieved between 3.9 and 4.199 GPA

Abraham, Peyton Leigh	Engel, Aaron Daniel	Kooyenga, Lillian Grace	Ramirez, Melissa
Adams, Connell Ian	Everly, Nathaniel Nelson	Kora, Jacob Vathakattel	Ranario, Raphaella Jasmin Peralta
Aguado, Danielle Orenze	Evitts, Andrew Connor	Kostadinov, Amy Konstantin	Randall, Alexander Peter
Arroyo-Bedolla, Jammie Aylin	Farfan-Marles, Mayra Alejandra	Kreamer, Katherine Rose	Rodriguez, Jesus
Avila, Vanessa	Feldman, Asher Reese	Kuklinski, Gabrielle Nicole	Rubino, Joseph Peter
Batz, Benjamin Daniel	Flores, Calix Tomas	Linna, Cassidy Lee	Saez, Christopher Joseph
Beauchamp, Brookelyn Renee	Flores, Laura Lizbeth	Lipinski, Samantha Grace Fiona	Salonga, Miguel Enrique V
Beltran, Giannielli Selene	Flores-Mangaran, Rachel Cai	Lostumo, Hunter William	Shi, Kenneth
Beltran, Giannmarco	Garcia, Nathan Michael	Lynch, Grace Duffie	Skelton, Ella Sofia
Benoit, Hailey Morgan	Gari, Olivia Katherine	Maglasang, Jeth Rule	Smith, Brianna Paige
Berkey, Megan Isabelle	Gebusion, Samantha Nazareno	Manilay, Carol Del Rosario	Smith, Trinity Fang
Bhatt, Krishna Amit	Gill, Jessica Anne	Marsh, Samuel Denton	Smits, Madison Skyler
Binuya, Jamille Leann	Gonzales-Vargas, Fatima Aranzazu	Martinez, Luis Ray	Snyder, Nathan Richard
Bohigas-Gutierrez, Jhovana	Gonzalez, Reyes Gabriel	Mascorro, Leslie Concepcion	Strassburger, Olivia Rose
Brizze, Allison Mae	Goytia, Alan	Masopust, Maddux Anthony	Sultan, Ayesha
Brown, Wisdom Kanise	Gutierrez, Giuliana Sofia	McLaughlin, Isabella Marie	Suon, Soktear Anita
Cabuay, Jemimah Glynis Romero	Hallman, Mara Marie	Meyers, Jack Alexander	Tahir, Sarah Marie
Carbajal, Riley Lato	Hamdan, Iman Bader	Miedzinski, Nicole	Torres, Jayda Abrianna
Clarke, Brooke Makayla	Harris, Cael Edwin	Miner, Caroline Grace	Tran-Villanueva, Katarina Lizel
Cole, Jackson Robert	Hill, Garrett Davis	Miranda, Melanie	Truelsen, Angela Marie
Corpus, Isabelle Reana	Ho, Huong Thi Thanh	Morabito, Jenna Mae	Uddin, Aleena Fareed
Craig, Katherine Caylee	Ho, Scott Vihboul	Nelesen, Kayla Paige	Voelcker, Mackenzie Rose
Crawford, Kendal Helen	Ibarra, Xitlaly	Ocampo, Oscar	Wallander, Alyssa Rose
Currea, Alejandro	Jaimes, Tyler Deangelo	Palazzolo, Timothy Robert	Watkins, Kristopher Jordan
Damask, Evan Gage	Jersild, Aron Joseph	Parker, Halee Joan	Wiltse, Kylee Rose
Danawala, Ansh Nimish	Kampf, Megan Grace	Parrott, Megan Leahy	Wiser, Jacob Theodore
Delgado, Michelle	Kaur, Pavneet	Patel, Kevin Alpesh	Yarza, Anjolie Rose
Dixon, Jason Paul	Khaliq, Mahe Nadeem	Pena, Mayrin	Yousafzai, Kashmala Jan
Dolin, Paige Alexis	Khan, Shayan Alam	Platt, Kendallyn Grace	Yuson, Eryza Gie
	Khubchandani, Allyson Brooke Derek	Porteous, Emma Suzanne	Zamora, Natalia Maria
			Zeit, Isabella Louise

### Magna Cum Laude graduates who achieved between a 4.2 and 4.399 GPA

Ahn, Alexander Jinyoung	Gaertig, Lauren Elizabeth	McGowan, Evan Daniel	Rodriguez, Keira Celine
Barrera, Johnathan	Ghys, Gavin John	Mitkov, Evette Ivailo	Samonds, Mark Joseph
Belen, Timothy Leoter Pjol	Groth, Lena Margaret	Mitoraj, Erin	Sateesh, Angela Christa
Bewick, Clayton Alan	Gustafson, Annika Elizabeth	Naqvi, Hiba Batool	Shah, Priyanka Hiran
Blanck, Nathan William	Heron, Jacob Michael	Naratadam, Jayden Joseph	Snyder, Jake Taylor
Brennan, Sydney Nicole Hai Ying	Jedryszek, Kyle Anthony	Nerheim, Mason Gerald	Sundberg, Ryan Matthew
Chandler, Robert Jeffrey	Kasturi, Anantya	Oh, Jonah M	Tebbey, Briton Cove George
Cohen, Cayden Benjamin	Katz, Rebecca Dianne	Parr, Kendal Alexandria	Timmerhoff, Hannah Rose
Conley, Benjamin Michael	Kuscik, Ryan Stephen	Patronik, Daniel Joseph	Umansky, Chase Jaxon
Cortez, Adrian Montejo	Lopez, Leslie Isabella	Perez, Amy Carolina	Wiley, Luke Quentin
Dundore, Kailyn Elizabeth	Madan, Nikhil Raj	Pullela, Visweswara Bharat Kumar	Wright, Calvin Michael
Ellison, Josh Leo	Marigmen, Jimwell Bagaporo	Rasmussen, Adam Stone	Yabes, Angelica Micah
Fleming, Hillary Jane	McChesney, Kaylee Patricia	Roche, Jason	Zechiel, Naomi Nadine
			Zimmer, Kayla Elizabeth

### Summa Cum Laude graduates who achieved a 4.4. or higher GPA

Abante, Marianne Parfan	Conger, Hailey Anne	Lara, David	Raitzer, Theodore Joseph
Ackron, Andreas Berquist	Cottrell, Clayton Nathaniel	Liu, Grace Isabella	Salgado-Alvarez, Kaitlyn Rose
Ahmed, Nooreen	Crowson, Katelyn Grace	Lundtveit, Evan Scott	Sammons, Faith Ashley
Alcivar, Isabella Danielle	Dimillo, Brian Zachary	Manila, Trishelle Ann	Schultz, Amanda Isabelle
Alyassir, Ryan Michael	Ehlers, Olivia Kay	Mcatee, George James Barbosa M	Serdar, Anne Katharine
Arif, Faaz Mohammed	Ezernack, Charlize Serey	Meinert, Ava Katherine	Song, Audrey
Avalos, Elisa Nicole	Galardi, Katelin Jane	Mohammed, Ayesha	Stacey, Cooper Maxwell
Baig, Ayesha Ashfaq	Ganapathi-Subramanian, Jayalakshmi	Montano, Gabriella Maria	Steel, Marcus Stephen
Beyers, Grace Justine	Harper, Ella Ainsley	Nartatez, Alec Jordan	Sturt, Brooke Elizabeth
Bhatt, Dhruval Amit	Iaconis, Sophia Rosa	Naveed, Fatima	Suarez, Ava Renee
Bordawekar, Isha Shailendra	Iyer, Rohan Kandadai	Ogiela, Hannah Theresa	Sutaria, Payal Fenil
Bromberg, Maxwell Herbert	Jones, Amber Nicole	Osuji, Mandy Nneka	Sweene, Brayden Emre
Cabalfin, Faith Marie	Joshi, Vaibhav	Palo, Ava Grace	Syverud, Luke Richard
Cabalfin, Gabriel Caesar	Kim, Karen	Panek, Ryan Cole	Velez, Andrea Mae
Cabalfin, Hope Roberta	Kommanaboyina, Parthivbabu	Payson, Elizabeth Katherine	Ward, Justin James
Cadiena, Andrew Villareal	Kyllmann, Lucas Armand	Qiu, Joyce Xinyue	Weaver, Catherine Francine
Cazares-Carothers, Cecilia	Kyllmann, Mathias Benjamin	Raheel, Minahil Anum	Zhang, David Jiexi



## Class of 2022 - Notable Individual (senior) or Team Athletic Achievements

118

Senior students who earned  
North Suburban Conference  
All-Academic Honors

94

Senior students who earned  
North Suburban Conference  
All-Academic Honors in one sport

21

Senior students who earned  
North Suburban Conference  
All-Academic Honors in two sports

3

Senior students who earned  
North Suburban Conference  
All-Academic Honors in three sports

### Notable team athletic achievements

- 🏆 2021 Football - NSC Champions, undefeated conference record
- 🏆 2021 Boys Soccer NSC Champions
- 🏆 2021-22 Varsity Devilettes IHSA 3A State Qualifier in Competitive Dance
- 🏆 2021 Boys Cross Country Team State Qualifier
- 🏆 2022 Boys Track & Field NSC Champions/Sectional Champions
- 🏆 2022 Softball NSC Champions

\*Many still TBD, as the athletic seasons are continuing through mid-June.

### Notable individual (senior) athletic achievements

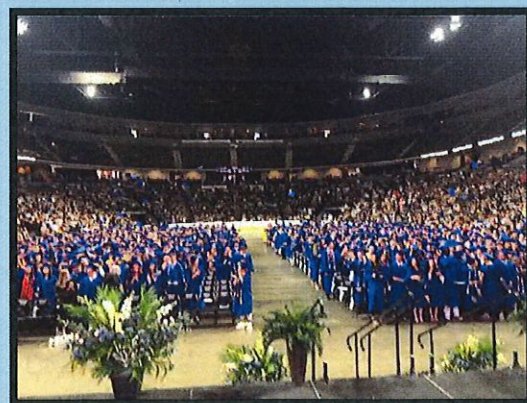
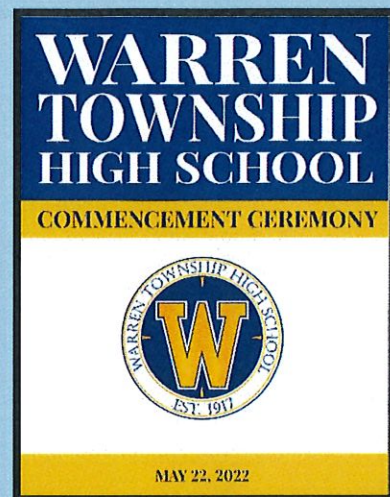
- 🏆 Luke Wiley - Spring of 21- IHSA All- State – 6<sup>th</sup> place 1600 & 2<sup>nd</sup> place 3200. Fall of 21- IHSA All State 4<sup>th</sup> place in cross country. IHSA Honorable Mention All-State Academic Team.
- 🏆 David Lara- IHSA All State 24<sup>th</sup> place cross country
- 🏆 Grace Bevers - IHSA All-State 5<sup>th</sup> pl. 100 m backstroke
- 🏆 Adrianna Demos - IHSA All State 3<sup>rd</sup> place 145 lb. girls wrestling
- 🏆 Blake Vander Jeugd - 4<sup>th</sup> place diving
- 🏆 Molly Cummings - Badminton State Qualifier
- 🏆 Hailey Conger - NSC Softball Player of the Year
- 🏆 WTHS Female Athlete of the Year: Adriana Demos
- 🏆 WTHS Male Athlete of the Year: Luke Wiley

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### Notable individual (senior)/team extracurricular achievements:

- 🏆 Tech Campus Skills USA National Qualifiers: Kealan Casapao, Interactive Application and Video Game Creation and Lydia Forbis, Nail Care
- 🏆 Future Latino Leaders- Chicano College Bowl Competition - 1st Place
- 🏆 FBLA National Qualifiers: Out of the 62 students that attended the conference, 49 students placed, and 28 students qualified to attend the National Leadership Conference in Chicago this summer! WTHS, also placed as a Gold Seal Chapter and received the Robert T. Stickler Award, and was announced as the second largest chapter in the state of Illinois.
- 🏆 Science Olympiad: WTHS took 1st place out of 26 schools in the A division and 13th overall out of 51 schools. Of the 18 students who attended the tournament, 17 students placed and 15 students received 1st place medals!

Video of Livestream  
of May 22, 2022  
Class of 2022 Celebration





## Board of Education News

### Ashley Turkington Named Warren Township High School's Gurnee Teacher of the Year

*Special Education teacher selected by her colleagues for award  
from the Village of Gurnee*

Special Education teacher Ashley Turkington has been voted by her colleagues as Warren Township High School's 2021-2022 Gurnee Teacher of the Year.

Each school year, the Village of Gurnee recognizes three Gurnee teachers, including one from Warren Township High School District 121, Gurnee School District 56 and Woodland School District 50. The Gurnee Teacher of the Year receives a \$1,000 honorarium.

Turkington has served in education for 14 years teaching at Warren Township High School and specifically students with Emotional Disabilities and other behavioral concerns who require more specialized support than what is offered in other special education classes.

"One of the greatest privileges in my life is to work with students who need more behavioral and emotional support, and I can be a cheerleader and supporter, as well as their teacher," Turkington said. "I believe that life can deal some real tough cards to certain students; if I can be even a glimmer of hope in their otherwise chaotic worlds, then I'm doing my job correctly. For that, I am truly fortunate. I genuinely believe that these students teach me just as much as I teach them."

Turkington says her role at Warren is to provide a safe environment in which students are provided the following: a smaller, structured setting, direct instruction of content, individualized learning opportunities, and assisting and supporting students in the reduction in the number of credits that they need to recover. It is a joy to be able to provide a positive learning environment for personal success and student growth – both academic and social, as well as providing students with Executive Functioning Skills, including Emotional Control, Self-Monitoring, and Organization in everyday emotional and academic tasks.

"Ashley always puts her students first and provides all the necessary supports for their success," said Dr. John Ahlgrim, Warren Township High School District 121 Superintendent. "She is creative and enthusiastic in her lessons and provides exceptional inspiration for her students and our entire WTHS community. We are proud to help recognize her as our Gurnee Teacher of the Year."

"Teachers at WTHS are among some of the greatest educators because of their heart, their inspiration, their dedication, and their drive to genuinely want to better every single student's life that they encounter. I have been blessed to work with these phenomenal colleagues and friends, and find myself constantly striving to be a better version of myself under their influence and because of their influence."

She holds a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University in Special Education and a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Concordia University.



### Staff Recognitions for Years of Service at WTHS



On March 7, the Board of Education recognized the accomplishments of staff members who are retiring this year and reaching years of service milestones at Warren Township High School.

Congratulations to the following staff members!

#### Retirees

Carol Ackerman, 6 yrs  
John Ahlgrim, 7 yrs  
Rebecca Belmont, 27 yrs  
Robert Burrill, 22 yrs  
Christine Flowers, 32 yrs  
Brian Mathews, 26 yrs  
Patience McConico, 13 yrs  
Hope Myli, 13 yrs  
Jayson Paulus, 31 yrs  
Marshall Robertson, 13 yrs  
Patrick Strom, 25 yrs  
Jane Swanson, 33 yrs  
Alan Thomas, 20 yrs  
Beryl Washington, 21 yrs  
Elizabeth Webster, 27 yrs

#### Thirty Years

Chuck Maurer

#### Twenty-Five Years

Jean Ferrara  
Jonathan Jasnoch  
Kimberly Lobitz  
Anthony Nelson  
William Oddo  
Laura Oeffling  
Timothy Peterson  
Eric Selburg

#### Twenty Years

John Bird  
Heather Connor  
Kathleen Delzotti  
Vincent DeSecki  
Michael Edler  
Christopher Geocaris  
Daniel Heupel  
Flavia Juergensen  
Keith Kremkau  
Rosemary Kremkau  
Michelle Lobo  
Elizabeth Logan-Hay  
Jeanne Love  
Amy Mason  
James McNamara  
Joy Olenick  
Lynn Otterson  
Jean Schmit-Gill  
Bridget Shields  
Sean Smith  
Simon Tyrken  
Audrey Wagemann

#### Fifteen Years

Catherine Barth  
Mark Bostrack  
Luz Bravo  
Christine Bruno  
Elizabeth Eberline  
Samantha Garrity  
Katrina Hartley  
Gregory Janczak  
Robyn Kubik  
Jana Leech  
Allison McNear  
Bryan McNulty  
Adam Miller  
Caitlin Mueller  
Gregory Piggott  
Cheryl Pulec  
Lina Rangel  
Brienne Turano

#### Ten Years

Kyle Arnold  
Jenna Charbonneau  
Michael Eddy  
Kari Lakins  
Ashleigh Lindstrom  
Nancy Muehlfelder  
Tracy Musolf  
Emily Schagrin  
Mary Skorzewski  
Liseth Vieyra  
Anna Vitale



## Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. John P. Ahlgrim, Superintendent of Schools



### STAY CONNECTED TO WTHS



Warren's website, at [www.d121.org](http://www.d121.org), is a key link to staying connected with our current programs and projects.



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

**#WeAreWarren**

### PowerSchool



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

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



### Principals' Twitter

[Almond Campus Principal Twitter Account](#)

[O'Plaine Principal Twitter](#)



### Principals' YouTube

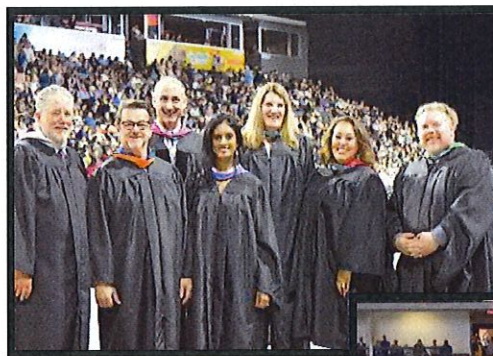
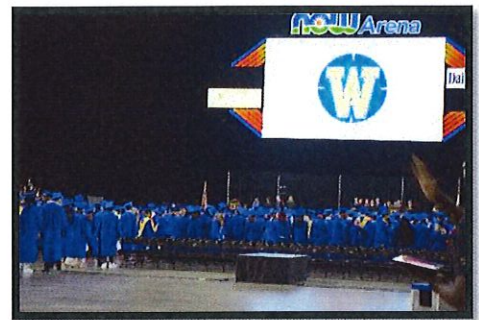
[Almond Campus Principal YouTube Account](#)

[O'Plaine Principal YouTube](#)

Our community and world have adapted to provide greater access to normal opportunities and activities, while continuously adjusting to COVID-19 cases and required safety mitigations. WTHS has done the same.

While working with public health officials to update and modify our health protocols and provide for a safe learning environment, we were also able to deliver our full academic schedules, assist to students and families, facilitate important testing schedules, promote meaningful college and career planning, and offer our wide range of meaningful co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Most important, is the patience, understanding and empathy our school community members demonstrated this year. Thank you for your ongoing support and flexibility.

One of the most special traditional events that we were able to cherish this year was the commencement ceremony of our graduating class of 2022 in a single ceremony. Over the last two years, we certainly have enjoyed the creativity and uniqueness of our alternative ceremonies, but having the entire class together with over 900 classmates dressed blue and gowns and caps at the NOW arena on May 22 was indeed very unifying and special.



Board of Education members with Dr. Ahlgrim at the Commencement Ceremony, May 22, 2022 at the NOW Arena

Congratulations to the Class of 2022





## News from Instructional Services

by Christopher J. Geocaris, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services

### Summer School Program 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 6 FIRST DAY (Tentative Health Orientation)	June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10 NO SCHOOL
June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17 NO SCHOOL
June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24 NO SCHOOL
June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1 NO SCHOOL
July 4 NO SCHOOL	July 5 RESUME CLASSES	July 6	July 7	July 8 SCHOOL IN SESSION
July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14 LAST DAY ALL COURSES COMPLETE	July 15 NO SCHOOL

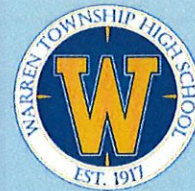
#### Location

- In-Person classes, advancement, remediation, support, ACHIEVE, and seminars will be held at the O'Plaine Campus.
- College Knowledge and Extended School Year classes will be held at the Almond Campus
- Transition classes will be held at the Transition Center on the O'Plaine Campus

### Lake County Technology Campus Program

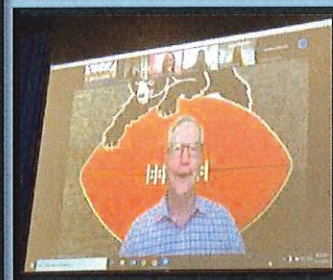


At its May 24 meeting, the Board of Education recognized our partnership with the lake County Technology Campus. Principal Derek Burress provided an overview of the membership schools and programs provided by the Tech Campus. For the 2021-2022 school year, WTHS had 200 students enrolled in the tech campus programs. Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is anticipated to be at about 360 students. Additionally, the Tech Campus' strategic plan highlights were presented, including the benefits for students enrolled in the program.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Elizabeth Webster for her recognition by the Chicago Bears Organization on December 21, 2021.



Congratulations to Beryl Washington, WTHS librarian, for being recognized by Rep. Joyce Mason. Presenting House Resolution No. 761 to Mrs. Washington on May 20, 2022 is Maggie Roche. Thank you to Mrs. Washington for her tireless work in supporting our students, school and community. Mrs. Washington is retiring at the end of this school year.





## News From Student Services

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



### Vaccination Requirement for the Class of 2023

A few years ago, the State of Illinois mandated that all students receive a meningitis vaccination by the time they enter their senior year. Please review the letter attached or visit our nurse's office website regarding the specific mandate. We strongly recommend making an appointment as soon as possible as students are not allowed to start their senior year without proof of the vaccination on file with our school nurse. Students who attempt to attend school without proof of the vaccination will be removed from class and sent home until they comply with the state mandate.

Often, a student has had the vaccination, but the school does not have a record of it. If that is the case, you can drop off a copy of their immunization record to the nurse by July 29, or email a copy to [anurse@wths.net](mailto:anurse@wths.net) (Almond Campus).

The past few years, families have struggled to get an appointment in August, which has resulted in their student not starting the school year on time. We are hopeful that this notification will allow you time to make an appointment if necessary. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.d121.org/nurse>.

### Declaration Day Celebration

In May each year, we celebrate Declaration Day for all seniors to 'declare' where they are going or what they are doing after graduation. We are sad to see our seniors move on, but we are proud of the great plans they have thanks to their hard work and supportive parents!

Check out our student-led shout-outs for these declarations on Instagram ([@bluedevilseniors](https://www.instagram.com/bluedevilseniors)), or click [HERE](#) if you are not on Instagram.



### Panorama Student Survey

A student survey was administered at WTHS for grades 9-11. The survey focuses on the Warren Way - Respectful-Resilient-Engaged. Survey questions targeted topics such as; classroom effort, behavior, self-management, social awareness, social perspective, growth mindset, emotional regulation, supportive relationships and self-efficacy. The information gathered from this survey asking students about their experiences in school, will give our school leaders critical student input to help develop school improvement plans.



The first survey was given this month to students in grades 9 – 11. For the 2022-2023 school year and beyond, the survey will be conducted each semester, for all grade levels. This will provide longitudinal data to track student progress in being respectful, resilient and engaged students.

We are extremely excited to provide this survey for our students. We are confident it will help us in our ongoing effort to challenge our school to improve its services for students.





## News from Business Services and Operations

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

### WTHS Contributes to Earth Month Activities by Solar Production

Annually, April is recognized as Earth month as the month surrounding Earth Day, which was April 22, 2022. Earth month was designated as encouragement that we all should care and learn about our planet for more than just a single day of the year. Focusing one month of the year on green initiatives and sustainability can help others develop more Earth-friendly habits and lifestyles.

During the month of April 2022, the Almond Campus solar project generated 221.828 kw hours of electricity. The project generally provides for enough energy to fully power the Almond Campus, resulting in an annual average savings of approximately \$300,000 in operational costs over the lifetime of the project. These savings are highlighted at times when energy costs increase due to world and national factors, like the higher rates we are currently seeing.

In addition to lowering the annual operating budget by reducing utility costs, this renewable energy investment reduces the District's carbon footprint and provides educational benefits.

This project was not purchased out of operating funds but was one of several building safety and energy efficiency projects explicitly identified in a bond issuance of \$23 million, which occurred in the fall of 2018. The Almond Campus solar project cost was a nearly \$7.3 million capital expense which was offset by \$2.5 million in Solar Energy Renewal Credits (SRECS) and other incentives, a net cost of \$4.8 million. It is possible the District will receive an additional \$1.8 million in SRECS in the 16th year through 20th year of the project.

### WTHS' First Year's Performance of the Solar Field

The solar field has had a very successful first year! It produced an astounding 2,908,562 kWh of electricity despite the unusually high amount of cloudy days. The Almond campus experienced a major reduction in our electric bill by over \$215,000. The Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC) amounted to \$666,708 and the ComEd inverter rebate totaled \$601,965. The total amount received back by the District in the first year was \$1,484,312.

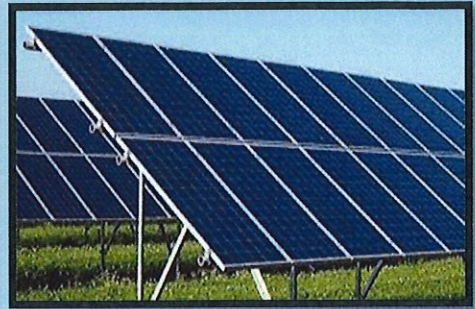
To illustrate the performance of the solar field even further, our baseline annual electric bill prior to the solar field installation was \$350,979. With the installation of the solar field, our annual electric bill for over the next 12 months was \$136,741. The upcoming year's electric bill will be even less because of the reduction in ComEd's Peak Load Contribution (PLC) value as a result of less on-peak usage.

Here are some different ways to look at the benefits of the solar field. Since its inception, our WTHS solar field has produced the equivalent in environmental impact as:

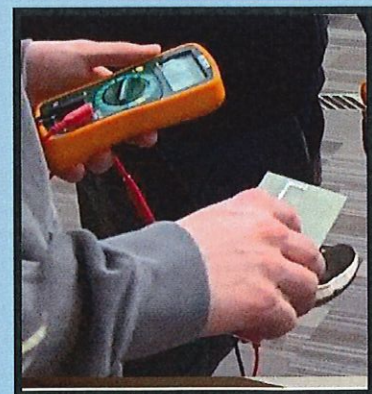
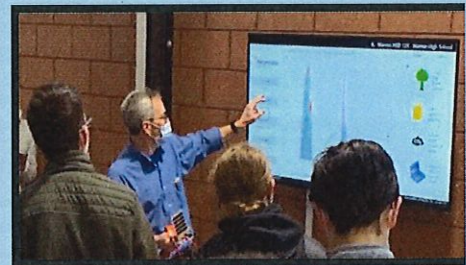
- Stopping 436,407 gallons of gasoline from being used
- Saving 2.81 million gallons of water
- Planting the equivalent of 99,445 trees

In the last month the solar field has:

- Saved 46,397 gallons of water
- Powered the equivalent of 1,030,000 laptops
- Stopped 7,200 gallons of gasoline from being used
- Removed 112,335 lbs. of carbon out of the atmosphere



**Students in Material Science Class Learn Firsthand About Solar Power Using the Almond Campus Solar Field**





## Principal's Corner at the Almond Campus

by Rob Parrott



### 2022-2023 IMPORTANT DATES

We are planning to start next school year in person. Updates will be shared throughout the summer months, but please mark your calendar for these important dates:

**July 29, 2022**

Registration is complete

**August 11, 2022**

Sneak Peek

Students can walk their schedule between 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**August 15, 2022**

Junior Orientation

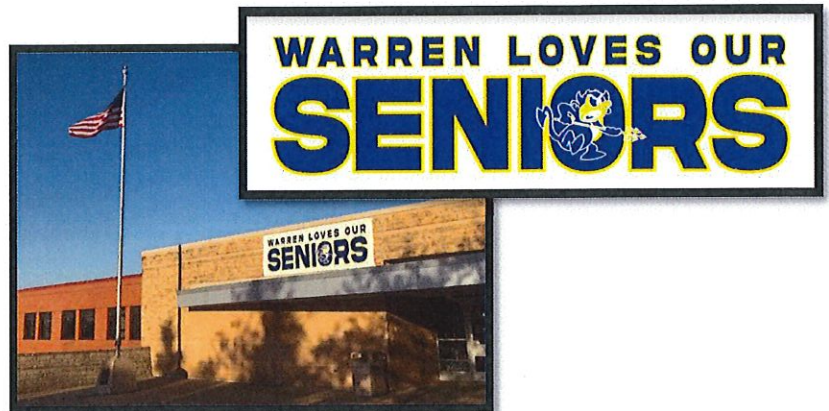
**August 16, 2022**

First Day of School

### Cum Laude Academic Honors

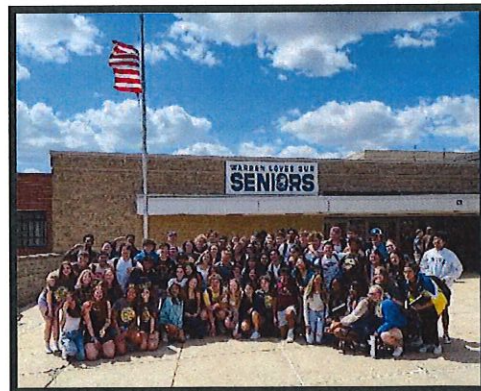
Congratulations to the 241 students of the 988 graduation candidates who graduated with academic honors this year for having a minimum cumulative 3.9 GPA at the end of their 7th semester of high school. Students this year were honored as a part of our graduation ceremony. As the Principal of the Almond Campus and on behalf of the entire faculty, staff, and administration, I congratulate each of you and your parents for your academic excellence throughout your high school career.

As the end of the school year comes to a close I want to thank our students for the hard work and dedication they have shown during the past year or so. They have been respectful of the difficult circumstances and their resilience has kept them engaged in the learning process. Thank you for making the best of their return to in-person learning during the past school year.



### Graduation 2022

We are so excited to be hosting a graduation ceremony to recognize and honor the Class of 2022! It is very important for us to be able to celebrate the hard work and resilience of our senior students. We will return to the Now Arena in Hoffman Estates, Illinois and be able to celebrate as a united class on Sunday, May 22, 2022.





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

by Michele Bertola

As we end the 2021-2022 school year, I continue to be thankful for the respect, resilience, and engagement students have provided us as we navigated the end of the school year. I am proud of how our community came together to get through a challenging year. We say it often, but we are truly better together. As the school year ends, I want to provide important information on a variety of topics.



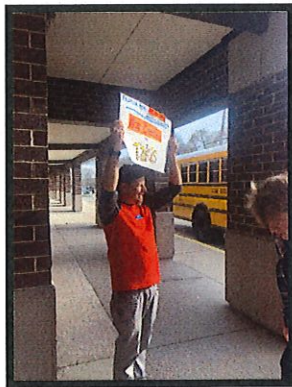
### Sophomore Sendoff

Thank you to our Class of 2024, who have been leaders for our campus and will be heading to the Almond campus next school year. We will miss you at O'Plaine, but know you will be successful as you start your upper class experience.

### Registration

Please register for the 2022-2023 school year. Information on registration is located on our D121 website or by [clicking here](#).

Students work hard at study table after school in our library.



Thank you to community member Pastor Ben Squires for joining me every Monday and Thursday to welcome students as they enter the building. He became famous with students for his "questions of the day."



### Summer School 2022

Summer school will be in-person and at the O'Plaine campus this summer starting on June 6 for most students. Health for incoming freshmen is remote with a June 6 in-person orientation. Please see the District website for specific information.

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First Day of School



## News about Athletics

by Becky Belmont, Director of Athletics



### Summer Camps

Athletic and Activity Summer  
Camp Registration opened on  
April 1.

Please visit:  
[https://d121.cr3.rschooltoday.com/  
public/home/](https://d121.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/home/)  
for a full list of camps that are  
available.

## Congratulations to the Warren Township High School Male and Female Athletes of the Year

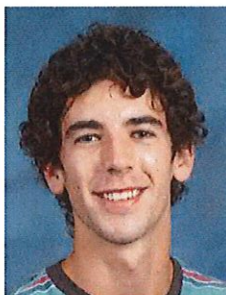
### Female Athlete of the Year: Adriana Demos



Adriana Demos has been achieving success from the moment she came to Warren. When she first arrived, the Illinois High School Association did not recognize Girls Wrestling as a sport. That did not stop Adriana as she continued to train and compete in tournaments sponsored by other organizations around the Midwest. She placed fourth in the Illinois Wrestling Officials and Coaches Association's state series, second in the Iowa state series, and was a pre-season All American before her senior year. In 2021, the IHSA announced that for the first time in Illinois history there would be a states series for Girls Wrestling. Adriana took second in the IHSA Sectional and solidified herself a trip to State. She went on to become the first female Blue Devil to win a medal in the IHSA state Girls Wrestling tournament as she took third place in the 145 pound weight class. Her accomplishments have earned her a scholarship to Carthage College to compete in Girls Wrestling.

Adrianna is founder of the non-profit organization Equally Equipped, as well as an ambassador for the Wrestle Like A Girl organization. Both organizations lead the advancement of female participation in wrestling. In a sport where the path for females is only beginning, she has emerged as a champion and is well deserving of Warren's Female Athlete of the Year award.

### Male Athlete of the Year: Luke Wiley



Luke Wiley is a two-sport athlete, competing in both Cross Country and Track. His career accomplishments are second to none. In Cross Country, he is a four-time All-Conference award winner, a North Suburban Conference Champion, an Illinois High School Association Regional and Sectional Champion, and a two time IHSA All-State cross country runner. As a junior Luke placed sixth overall in the State meet and as a senior he placed fourth. He has school records in both the 3-mile and 5K events with times of 14:19 and 14:48.

In Track, Luke broke the indoor mile record with a time of 4:16.22. He broke the indoor 800 record with a time of 1:57.21. He is currently fifth all-time in that event. He has both the indoor and outdoor school records in the 3200 at 9:05 and 9:14.67. Luke has been named to the NSC All-Conference Track team multiple years and has earned All-State Honors by placing second in the IHSA State Tournament in the 3200 and sixth place in the 1600.

Luke is an outstanding leader by both example and through action. He is incredibly coachable and is an exemplary teammate. Luke is a great ambassador to the sport. He not only guides his team with dignity and respect but also shows the same to his competitors. There is no doubt that Luke is the most outstanding distance runner we have had in school history. You will not find a better definition of student-athlete. Next year, Luke will run at the University of North Carolina on an athletic scholarship.



## News about Athletics

by Becky Belmont, Director of Athletics

### Congratulations to the NSC Winners for the Spring Season



#### Sportsmanship Award

Badminton	Keira Rodriguez
Baseball	Aron Jerslid
Girls Lacrosse	Paola Villagomez
Boys Lacrosse	Gavin Ghys
Girls Soccer	Ella Skelton
Softball	Ari Bond
Boys Tennis	Sam Marsh
Boys Track & Field	Luke Wiley
Girls Track & Field	Caralyn Whalen
Boys Volleyball	Evan Berndt

#### NSC All-Conference

Girls Lacrosse	Lucy Moore, Julia Werner, Avery Bishop, Emily Meyers
Boys Lacrosse	Clayton Bewich, Robert Devenport, Ryan Landry, Drew Deney,
Girls Soccer	Ella Skelton, Emma Paraskos, Olivia Ehlers, Kylie Mahoney
Softball	Hailey Conger, Sydney Jackson, Gabi Olavarria, Hannah Conger, Ally Badgley
Boys Tennis	Kyle Mueller, Sam Bogot and Sanjiv Kondon, Rohan Iyer and Justin Ward, and Sam Marsh and Kevin Vrabel
Boys Track	Nathan Garcia, Cole Kaether, Ozzie Bandera, David Lara, Luke Wiley, Kimi Vesely, Jaden Turner, John Venisnik, Caleb Levy, Max Zeisler, Jailen Duffie, Aidan Porreca, Joell Belonga, Aaron Ayobami
Girls Track	Mia Pasha, Jada Vaughn, Maddie Hecker, Kylie Florance, Jessica Randolph, Faith Gaston, Kyra Chaney, Sophia Iaconis, Caralyn Whalen
Boys Volleyball:	Nate Everly
Girls Water Polo:	Faith Harris
Boys Water Polo:	Ivan Morales

#### NSC Honorable Mention All-Conference

Badminton	Madu Chander, Keira Rodriguez, Reyna Hill, Karen Kim and Huang Ho, Faith Cabalfin and Sam Gebusion, Shelly Manila and Pavneet Kaur, Ashley Bridges and Falish Anwar
Girls Lacrosse:	Paola Villagomez, Bella McLaughlin
Girls Soccer	Reese Mertens, Addison Stanciak
Softball:	Josie Leibfried
Boys Volleyball	Josh Weyerhauser



### Congratulations to Hailey Conger on being NSC Softball Player of the Year





## News about Activities

by Aimee Lonigro, Assistant Director of Athletics and Activities Coordinator

# Congratulations

Congratulations to the following **French National Honor Society** students for their success on the National French exam. This voluntary exam measures student skill in reading, listening, and in cultural knowledge. Medals and certificates are earned based on student scores in the Northern Illinois chapter as well as the national rankings. Around 80,000 students take the exam nationally. In our French program we had one gold medal winner, two silver medal winners, and five bronze medal winners. Nineteen students received the Certificat d'Honneur and 33 students received the Certificat de Mérite.

Gold Medal winner: Luke Etienne

Silver Medal winner: Kelom Aluka, Damiana Basa-Flores

Bronze Medal winners: Thomas Hale, Kaylee McChesney, Vernika Kalipi, Marco Lopez-Rangel, and Ava Mennecke

Congratulations to the **Avanza, Future Latino Leaders** on its first place win at the Chicano College Bowl competition! This competition tests student knowledge of the PBS Series "Latino Americans" which covers Latino American history in the United States. The day begins with a leadership symposium for all the students and advisors. During the symposium students interact with one another and enhance their leadership abilities. They also get a chance to speak and interact with the guest speaker. From there, eight students from each school take a test to determine their knowledge. The top scoring students receive a scholarship. Varsity members of the team are Lljaira Lopez, Emilia Lorenzo, Mia Guitierrez, Tatiana Hinojosa, and Kathy Ortega.

Congratulations to the **Science Olympiad team** on their first place finish at the Illinois State Tournament! Of the 18 students that attended the tournament, 17 students placed, and 15 students received first place medals.

First place winners: Chloe Aldrin, Benjamin Isaac, Kayla Tagudar, Lindsey Prims, Steven Judge, Thenuka Paramanathan, Aaron Engel, David Zhang, Dhruval Bhatt, Marc Steel, Theodore Raitzer, Vaibhav Joshi, Adityaa Rana, Rania Hamid, and Krishna Bhatt.



Thank you to the Almond Students of Service for volunteering at Moraine Hills State Park and McHenry County Conservation District working on habitat restoration.



Warren Theatre's musical, *All Shook Up!*, may be over, but we are excited to announce that two of our actors have qualified for the category of Best Actress at the Illinois High School Music Theatre Association/Broadway in Chicago.

Kate (Kai) Panagiotopoulos and Jay Roche have been highlighted by the IHSMTA for their outstanding performances.

### Both Kate (Kai) Panagiotopoulos – Natalie/Ed

Essay: "This production allowed me to not only grow as a performer, but rediscover myself as a human. Natalie/Ed in *All Shook Up* is a girl who doesn't truly know or love herself at the beginning of the story. She believes if she just finds the right man and gets out of her town, her life will begin. Natalie realizes that she doesn't need anyone else to complete her and that she is strong, funny, and a whole person. *All Shook Up* showed me that in those moments when I think I'm not good enough – I'm wrong. I may not be perfect, but I am enough."



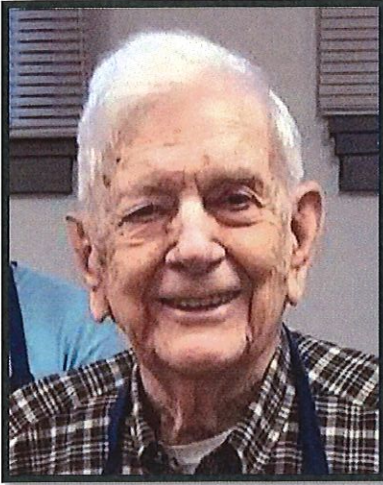
### Jay Roche – Miss Sandra

Essay: "One of the things that I loved most about this role was the overwhelming sense of confidence that Sandra exudes. I never realized how much real confidence you can gain from faking it on stage! I was able to confidently portray a completely feminine presenting character on stage and I am so proud of myself for that!"





## In Memoriam



Dr. Edward R. May, former Board of Education member at Warren Township High School, passed away on May 8, 2022, at the age of 92.

Services were held on May 17 at Marsh Funeral Home in Gurnee, Illinois. [Click here](#) for a link to his obituary.

"Dr. May practiced radiology at Condell Medical Center from 1967 to 1993, and served as Chief Radiologist from 1971 to 1993. He proudly served on the Warren High School Board of Education for over three decades. Additionally, "Doc May" volunteered his services for Warren athletics from 1962 to 2012, and could often be spotted on the sidelines of Blue Devils' football and basketball games. In his later years, he and Caryl could be found in the basketball stands cheering the Blue Devils on."

Dr. May served as a member of the Board of Education for over three decades from 1969 to 1992, and then again in 2003.

Doc May was named to the WTHS Hall of Fame as a distinguished charter member, and for his long-standing service and support of the Warren Township community.

Dr. May was a caring person and touched the lives of so many individuals in the WTHS community.

