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District Newsletter -- January/February 2023 Edition



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Non-Homestead 18 Operating Mill Renewal - May 2, 2023 - No School for Students

On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, voters in the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District will be asked to renew the 18 mills assessed on non-homestead property. The non-homestead millage is a very important part of the school district's budget as it represents about \$7.5 million (13.3%) of the district's operating revenue.

Some important items to keep in mind:

- This renewal WILL NOT affect your primary residence
- This renewal ONLY applies to local businesses and industrial and commercial property
- This is a RENEWAL, not an increase
- This renewal directly impacts the district's ability to deliver quality education to our students
- This \$7.5 million cannot be replaced with other funding sources, and state law requires voter approval

Because many of our schools are voting precincts, school will not be in session on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Please help spread the word - NO SCHOOL ON 5/2/23, and don't forget to vote.



WHS Names Top 10 for the Class of 2023

Woodhaven High School named the Valedictorian and Salutatorian and its "Top 10" for the Class of 2023. Class rank is based on a point system that consists of 50% GPA and 50% SAT score calculated as follows: $(\text{GPA} \times 400) + (\text{SAT}) = \text{Ranking}$. Class ranking is determined after final grades from the 1st semester are calculated, establishing the Top 10 for each graduating class.

A total of 49 students earned the rank of "Senior Scholar", including the Top 10. Senior Scholar status is determined by the following formula: $\text{SAT} (\text{GPA} \times 400) + \text{SAT}$ (Totaling 2730 points and above).

Students will be honored at the annual Awards & Honors Night on May 17, 2023.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023's Top 10 and Senior Scholars!

VALEDICTORIAN

Teagan Fynan

SALUTATORIAN

Dominic Leonardi

Matthew Sterbenz

Katrina Cruz

Lance Sterbenz

Cara Creutz

Eva Filippi

Ethan O'Neill

Umar Iqbal

Jason Sax



TEAGAN FYNAN
VALEDICTORIAN



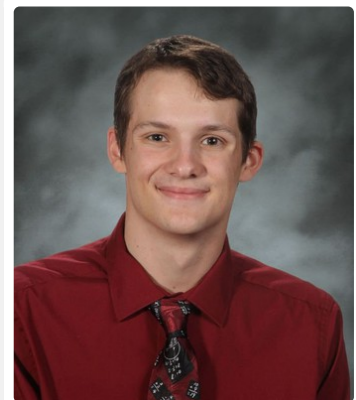
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Calling All Future Warriors!

In-district kindergarten registration for the 2023/24 school year officially kicks off Monday, March 13, 2023. Please help spread the word to WBSD families who have kindergarten-aged children.

Enroll online at mywbsd.org/ENROLL. Upon submittal of the form, a calendar will pop up allowing families to schedule an appointment with our enrollment specialist to turn in required documentation. Bring your Kinder with you because we'll have a goodie bag for all enrolling kindergarten-age children.

Kindergarten Orientation is Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at all five elementary schools. Register now, before Orientation, so that you and your child can participate. Kindergarten testing will take place in August at each elementary school.



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Woodhaven Unified Basketball is on a Roll

Woodhaven Unified basketball had a full schedule this season. The team scrimmaged with Lincoln Park November 30, 2022 then officially kicked off the season on December 3, 2022 with a game against Allen Park.

The Unified program has seen tremendous growth in the last year. Five downriver schools joined Woodhaven and now have Unified basketball teams - Allen Park, Gibraltar, Lincoln Park, Monroe, and Wyandotte. According Alicia Flynn, Unified Champion Schools Liaison, the Woodhaven Unified team has exploded with the number of students participating, as well as the number of events that took place this season.

The team hosted Grosse Pointe at BMS on January 13, 2023. It was a great time for the teams and lots of memories were made. Officer Ryan Zimmers, Woodhaven police officer and PHMS school liaison officer, reffed the game.

The team then traveled to Allen Park on January 20, 2023 to take on Allen Park Unified. Both teams worked very hard, and teamwork was on full display. Flynn said, "Allen Park was a fantastic host, and the crowd was loud". A large crowd supported the athletes and helped make the evening fun for everyone.

Then on January 21, 2023, Woodhaven hosted a basketball tournament for the downriver Unified teams. Each team played four, 10-minute quarters. The games were well attended by fans from all six schools. Everyone walked away happy and full of smiles.

The team wrapped up the regular season on February 13, 2023 when they took on the Woodhaven Police Department. Victory was sweet for the Warriors who banked a 75 - 42 win. They close out the basketball season with a fun event on March 9, 2023 at Little Caesar's Arena where they will play against multiple Unified teams from around the metro area.

Thank you to Ms. Flynn, Mr. Brad Ray, coach of the Unified team, and to the many volunteers who work so hard supporting these students.



Hosted Allen Park Unified.



Hosted Grosse Pointe.



Hosted Grosse Pointe.





Kids Against Hunger®

Feeding families around the world...and around the corner.

Kids Against Hunger

After a three-year hiatus, Kids Against Hunger returned to the WBSD. Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven sponsored the event on February 11, 2023, at Bates Elementary School.

WBSD 3rd-5th grade students worked with Kiwanis members, school staff and numerous volunteers to pack 20,100 food bags that were distributed to local food pantries. Members of the Varsity Hockey team, the Robotics team and the PHMS Warrior Charity Club also joined in and helped guide the students as they worked. Food bags also got distributed to the U. S. Military, who then flies the bags to countries it provides humanitarian relief.

Students worked in assembly lines to fill the bags, weigh them for international shipping, heat seal the bags closed and then pack them in shipping boxes.

Kids Against Hunger is a non-profit humanitarian organization that provides fully nutritious food to impoverished children and families locally and around the world. The meals provide a stable nutritional base so that families can move from starvation or food insecurity to self-sufficiency. That's the goal of Kids Against Hunger.

Kids Against Hunger is designed to:

- Make students more empathetic towards the needs of others
- Teach students about assembly lines and team work
- Teach students the importance of community service and giving back



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5EJL6U3H2k>



Woodhaven Play Production On Top Again

Mr. Mike Clemons' Play Production class recently performed at the MIFA District Theatre Competition at Eastern Michigan University. The group earned a 1st place & superior rating for their performance of *26 Pebbles*. Twenty-two students earned Excellent & Superior Awards in various areas of production. Students then presented the play to the community on February 8th and 9th at WHS.

The group then advanced to the MIFA district finals and came home with the top prize - State Champs. They earned top honors and won the Golden Truck and People's Choice Award and many excellent and superior awards for acting.

Year after year, this talented group of students always perform at their best. Congratulations, Play Production, on a job well done!

**Congratulations to the PLAY PRODUCTION class
and their current show, 26 PEBBLES**

**MIFA District Theatre Competition
1st Place and Superior Rating**

Excellent & Superior Awards for

Stage Management (Lexi Ball), Dramaturgy (Elaina Primeau),
Program (Kendall Robinson & Idyll Villarin), Scenic Design (Lexi Ball & Elaina Primeau)
Individual Acting (Mackenzi Tatum, Alyssa DuChene, Oria Messinger & Makenzie Whitman)
Ensemble Acting (Douglas Jones, Sunny Ryan, Lillian Lundy, Ashlyn Blair,
Caspian Burke, Epiphany Holland, Sophia Valchine, Conner Binge, Oria Messinger,
Mackenzi Tatum, Alyssa DuChene & Makenzie Whitman)



Woodhaven Theatre Company - MIFA State Champs!

2023 SnoBall

SnoBall Week kicked off on Monday February 6, 2023, with Spirit Week. The week's events included: Monday Tire Out Trenton Day (Pajama Day), Tuesday Tie Dye Day, Wednesday Adam Sandler Day (baggy clothes); Thursday Class Color Day and Friday Purple & White Day.

2023 SNOBALL COURT

Senior Court

Alexis Queen
Bridieda Jasso
Amira Khan
Orianna Hernandez
Nicole Rozner

Alex Billups
Parker Williams
Musa Bukhari
Alonso Munoz
Alexander Sanchez

Junior Prince and Princess

Taylin Garcia and Faith Fluker

Sophomore Prince and Princess

Jonathan Padgett and Sophia White

Freshman Prince and Princess
Fransisco Guardado and Brooklynn Bartos



Senior SnoBall Court

First Row: Nicole Rozner, Amira Khan, Alexis Queen, Bricieda Jasso and Orianna Hernandez

Second Row: Alonso Munoz, Parker Williams, Alexander Sanchez, Allen Billups and Musa Bukhari



SnoBall Court

First Row: Faith Fluker, Nicole Rozner, Amira Khan, Alexis Queen, Bricieda Jasso, Orianna Hernandez, Brooklynn Bartos, and Sophia White

Second Row: Taylin Garcia, Alonso Munoz, Parker Williams, Alexander Sanchez, Allen Billups, Musa Bukhari, Fransisco Guardado, and Jonathan Padgett

A Day in the Life of a Warrior ...



Congratulations to the Boys' Varsity Basketball team on a perfect 16 -0 season.
Good luck in the playoffs!



Warrior Athletics

Congratulations to Dominic Duey and Lance Sterbenz who advance to the MHSAA Bowling individual state finals!



Warrior Athletics

Senior John Martin committed to Wayne State University diving. John shattered all diving records during his high school career. Congratulations John!



Warrior Athletics

Jacob Navarro and Keon Hupenbecker advance to the MHSAA wrestling state championships.



Warrior Athletics

Girls' Varsity Basketball traveled to Allen Park - 1/20/23



Warrior Athletics

Boys' Varsity Swim hosted the Downriver Classic - 1/21/23



Warrior Athletics

Boys' Varsity Basketball hosted Allen Park - 1/20/23



WHS

Student Council members attend the State Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids.



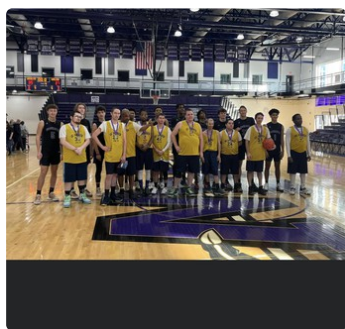
Erving Elementary

Mrs. Danosky's 1st Graders celebrate Valentine's Day.



WHS

Students celebrate Culture Day.



Warrior Athletics

ARC Basketball Games 1/14/23



Warrior Athletics

Middle School swimmers earn medals at the MISCA competition 1/28/23



Warrior Athletics

Congratulations to the JV Girls' basketball team who racked up a perfect 15-0 season.



Woodhaven Dance Team.



Yake Elementary Young Fives and Kindergarten students celebrate 100 days of school.



WBEF 9th Annual Signature Event

When

Thursday, April 20th, 6-11pm

Where

16703 Fort Street Southgate, MI

More information

It's back!! The 9th Annual Signature Event returns after a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mark you calendars, you won't want to miss this!



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7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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