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District Newsletter -- WELCOME BACK -- September 2023



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WHS Welcomes Dawn Izzi, New Assistant Principal

At the end of the 2022/23 school year, WHS found itself in need of a new assistant principal when Mr. Jay Verspman was named principal replacing Mr. Matt Czajkowski who retired.

First and second round interviews took place in July. The decision was ultimately made to hire Mrs. Dawn Izzi, who was approved by the Board of Education at its August 22, 2023 regular meeting.

Izzi comes to the WBSD from Oak Park Preparatory Academy where she served as an assistant principal since 2017. In addition to her many responsibilities as assistant principal, Izzi's main focus was working with students on a multitude of disciplinary issues wherein she enforced compliance with district policies and the student code of conduct. She also worked with truant and at-risk students developing interventions and helping them develop strategies to become successful in school. Prior to working at Oak Park Preparatory Academy, Izzi was an academic advisor/coordinator and teacher at Asher High School in Southgate.

Izzi holds several advanced degrees from Eastern Michigan University. She is currently a doctoral fellow in the educational studies program. She also earned a Master of Arts in educational leadership in 2017, a Master of Arts in English Studies for Teachers in 2012 and a Bachelor of Arts Language, Literature and Writing in 2007. Finally, Izzi maintains a school administrator license and a professional teaching license from the State of Michigan.

Congratulations to Dawn Izzi on her new assignment at Woodhaven High School! We're excited about the experience and knowledge Izzi brings to the district.

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Welcoming New Staff Members

The HR Department has been very busy since the spring interviewing and hiring new staff members for multiple educational and athletic positions to get the district ready for the start of the 2023/24 school year.

We congratulate and welcome the following new Warriors, whether new to a position or new to the district!

Lauren Agrusa
Emily Alaniz
Suzanne Aldridge
Angela Banks
Baily Buchanan
Cory Buckner
Kristen Boucher
Melissa Braddock
Nadia Caldwell
Amanda Campeau
Adam Carter
Keith Christnagel
Jennifer Cooper
Mike Crossman
Jon Drumm
Russell Gallas
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George Hloros
Charles Hool
Dana Hunter
Tyler Irving
Dawn Izzi
Karic Jones
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Tina Kincer
Harvey King
Maria Klaas
Justin Krolak
McKenna Mahoney
Jennifer McEwan
Sara McQuiston
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David Mifsud
Jared Nicholls
Mike Pintar
Marie-Eve Pippin
Gabrielle Reiman
Tonya Renner
Morgan Reno

Brad Ray
Stefani Scalcucci
Robert Schaffer
Greg Scheffler
Madonna Southerland
Lisa Southorn
Kristi Stamey
Rick Thorning
Chris Tucker
Jay Vesperman
Rebecca Wojtylko

Celebrating 25 Plus Years of Service

Congratulations to the 58 employees who have achieved 25 years or more of service with the WBSD! We honor your lifelong commitment to the students of the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District. You have touched the lives of thousands of students over the years, and you deserve to be recognized! Please join us in congratulating the following "lifers":

Caryn Alderman
Diane Balavitch
Penni Blohm-Hayward
Lynnette Bosman
Lorraine Buday
Sherri Burke
Linda Callahan
Andrew Clark
Amber Cornell
Beth DeFigueiredo
Shannon Dietrich
Danielle DiGuiseppe
David DuChene
Julie Dutton
Theresa Hamblin
Frank Hamet
Keri Herbst
Laura Hetzel
Michael Hoeft
Laura Holland
Marc Huddy
Amy Jackson
Lauren Jensen
Steve Johnson
Mary Jones
Kevin Kama
Pondy Kinney
Susan Korzetz
Tim Kozlo
Steve Kraft

Justin Krolak
Greg Kutella
Kim Maher
Rebecca Matzo
Amy Mazzotta
Norm McIntyre
Lisa Meyer
Cathy Mikesell
Tara Miiller
Jim Mobley
Holly Muenchow
Mark Muscat
Sue Nealey
Brian Reed
Jodie Rennie
Jeanie Richards
Kim Robinson
Mark Salgat
Katie Snyder
Kim Tackett
Robin Watson-Azzopardi
Denise Widen
Deborah Wieckowski
Skip Wilson
Beth Wilson-Canejo
Amy Wirtz
Melissa Yack
Paula Zasada



WBSD Offers Two Early Childhood Programs

The Woodhaven-Brownstown School District believes early childhood education, from birth to five years old is a foundational phase in a child's life, laying the groundwork for their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical growth. It is during these years that children acquire essential skills and knowledge that will help shape their perspectives, abilities, interactions, and habits throughout their lives. Below we have listed two very important new Early Childhood Initiatives that we will be adding to our district.

Early On Expansion

Early On is Michigan's system for helping families of infants and toddlers, birth to age three who have developmental delay(s) and/or disabilities. Early On supports and partners with families to promote the development of their infants and toddlers in developmental areas, such as:

- physical (reaching, rolling, crawling, and walking)
- cognitive (thinking, learning, solving problems)
- communication (talking, listening, understanding, gesturing)

- social-emotional (feeling secure, able to calm, playing with others)
- self-help (eating, dressing)

Early On partners with families, using their daily routines to work on supporting the growth and development of their babies.

During the first three years of life, a baby's brain grows and changes dramatically. Early On emphasizes early identification and early referral to minimize delays and maximize developmental outcomes. Understanding your child's development may help you recognize if your child needs a referral. Check out the [developmental milestones](#) in the link below to learn more, and complete the [referral form](#) (link below) if you have concerns.

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP).

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is Michigan's state-funded preschool for four-year-old children. Families qualify for free preschool based on annual income guidelines.

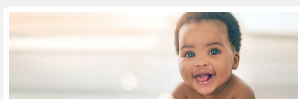
The Woodhaven-Brownstown School District is offering up to two GSRP classrooms during 2023-24 school year to those who qualify. To learn more about the GSRP program, please review the [GSRP FAQ](#) (link below).

If you have remaining questions about either expansion program, please contact the appropriate personnel listed below:

Early On Expansion: Matt Salah, Director of Special Services, salahm@wbsdweb.com

GSRP Preschool: Josh Satterfield, Director of Curriculum, satterj@wbsdweb.com

Overall, we are thrilled to provide the community with additional educational services for our birth to five-year-old community and look forward to our continued success.



Early On Michiga...

www.1800earlyon.org

Skills such as taking a first step, smiling for the first time, and waving "bye bye" are called developmental milestones. Children reach milestones in how they play, learn, speak, act, and move.



Michigan Early Ch...

mearlychildhood.org

Welcome to Early On Michigan's referral system. Depending on your location, this site may also provide connections to other early childhood programs. Please select your county to get started.



GSRP FAQ.pdf

[Download](#)

59.4 KB

A Day in the Life of a Warrior . . .



Athletics

Lady Warriors at the Sandy Creek Tournament



WHS

Marching Band Seniors claim the rock



Athletics

Lady Warriors open the season with a win over Riverview



PHMS

The Spanish Dept. gets ready for Open House



Opening Day PD

Central Office Admin. Assistants on the job at Opening Day PD



WHS

Link Crew and Principal Jay Vesperman getting ready to welcome the Class of 2026



Opening Day

BMS takes a moment and strikes a pose



Opening Day PD

The Wegienka Team



Opening Day PD

Yake Admin. Assistants helping out



Opening Day PD

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