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DEBOARD OF QUOTES

— Memorize this —

"Just because I say it, doesn't mean you understand it."

Ask.

$12 \times 4 = 48$
 $2(3+2) = 20$
 $8 \times 8 = 64$
 $y = mx + b$
 $(29a+3) = 90$
 $2+2=4$
 $12+12=24$

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NEWS FROM THE NEST

COVID-19 has affected the search for college future in good and bad ways. Colleges and universities have taken note, making major changes to their admission process. Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Witzel, is on top of the changes. "Colleges and universities have made admission decisions to compensate students who haven't had an opportunity to either take a standardized test or retest to get a better score. As a result, many have accommodated by making the application "test optional." In other words, the SAT and the ACT scores do not affect their admittance to many institutions nor their scholarship opportunities."

For some students, the pandemic clarified focus. Megan Sweeten, a WHS senior, sees the benefits. "The pandemic has changed how I have been planning my life in many ways. It has definitely delayed all of my decisions. I appreciate the pandemic; it helped me realize what I want to do with my life."

While Mrs. Witzel is on top of the positive changes, she also has found some negative things that came from the pandemic. "It's been more difficult for students to plan tours on college campuses because most of them cancelled in-person tours. They did provide chances for students to attend via ZOOM, but that just wasn't the same."

Like so many other things in life, COVID-19 and its resulting pandemic has destroyed and also helped immensely in the way WHS seniors have made one of the biggest decisions in their lives.

Written by: Kate Atchison

Each month, WHS's Newsletter Team will choose a student to spotlight and, along with that, we will tell you about their day and their high school experience.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Meet Daven Flota: What is a day like for him? 1. English: Daven finds this class to be "pretty easy" as long as you pay attention. 2. Biology: This class is one that always seems to keep him busy. He finds it is easy, as well as his first hour, but puts lots of time into finishing his work. 3. Health: As the next hour of the day approaches, Daven finds himself staying in the same classroom for his health class. He feels that, like biology, health is an easy class that always keeps him busy. 4. Spanish: Rosetta Stone, the program the school uses to teach Spanish, is not a program Daven enjoys, although he is many lessons ahead of where he needs to be. 5. Algebra: Throughout his entire day, Algebra is probably his least favorite subject. However, he enjoys having Mr. Deboard teaching the class, along with the co-teacher Mrs. Hodge. 6. P.E.: Daven enjoys this class the most. It helps him to get his mind off the difficult parts of his day and feels that Mr. Gamber does an amazing job of helping him do so. 7. Freshman Seminar: With this class, Daven has pointed out the pure kindness that Mrs. Owens has shown to all the freshmen this year. He has found that she has really helped him get through his first semester at Woodlawn High School. Outside of school, Daven is involved in baseball and FFA.



Written by: Kayln Koester

CARDINAL CLUBHOUSE

WHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Chess Club is a great way to gather with those who enjoy playing board games. This month, Chess Club had two epic showdowns between teacher and student here at the high school - with old family recipes at stake. Tuesday, November 30th, Mr. Matt Smith and Paolo Migneco faced each other in a highly anticipated game of chess in which the whole school eagerly awaited the winner to emerge victorious. Unfortunately, despite Paolo's great effort, Mr. Smith came out victorious. According to Mr. Smith, Paolo owes him a family sauce recipe because of the loss.

Additionally, Mr. Smith played another student here at Woodlawn High School, Ozay Bas. Again, he pulled out on top and defeated Ozay in another tough battle of strategic chess. Mr. Smith claims that Ozay also owes him a family recipe, but what that is has yet to be determined.

Chess Club has had an eventful month so far - something very uncommon, as this hasn't been seen in recent history. However, that doesn't mean it won't happen again! Perhaps in the future, Chess Club can continue the competitiveness with even more games and students to come.

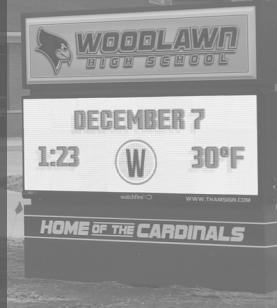
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Woodlawn Happenings

December 16th Last Day of 1st Semester
 December 17th 12:00 Dismissal
 December 25th Christmas Day!
 January 4th Students Return to School



BEHIND THE SCENES



Every month, WHS's Newsletter Team is going to take a behind-the-scenes look at an aspect of our school— from roles played to history made. This can be a person, place, or thing in the school.

The high school has something that used to be such a big part of the school, but has been lost to time. That happens to be the stage, which was built with the original part of the school back in 1949. There were yearly plays held here by seniors; however, the last play was held 15 years ago, which is as old as some of the students here! It was also used for band class. Unfortunately, the only use it gets now is as storage or school laundry needs. Many of the students and staff from the past have pleasant memories of the stage.

MRS. CAROL MCBRIDE, a former student and former teacher said this, "From the time my mother's class started at Woodlawn High School (she was part of the students who came to the new building), the stage had been used for senior class plays. It was still a tradition when I was a senior (I played a secretary in some silly play). The stage was also used for Homecoming court. My favorite thing, though, was that the stage was where we had band and chorus. I spent a lot of hours making music there—which was my favorite part of high school." **MARC PATTERSON**, a past student added, "I have to say, I have many fond memories of the stage. Performed many shows with PYD (Positive Youth Development) as well as spent almost an entire semester working on the play "Bootloose" with Mr. Wilson and our Drama class. Also spent every Wednesday on stage lifting weights for P.E. with Mr. Copple. Hard to pick just one!" **MR. JERRY WILSON**, a past P.E. and English teacher stated, "Many a night I'd be getting back home after a ball game late at night, making sure all the kids had a ride home. I'd also walk up on that very stage to enter the coach's office, which is where I'd stay til 11:00-11:30 at night to enter scores from the night's game. I'd always see that stage after leaving, too." The past wonders of the school are being forgotten about and buried in storage. The students and staff of the past had some great memories that should be shared and new memories can be made.

SHOOT YOUR SHOT

WOODLAWN LADY CARDS BASKETBALL

November 15th kicked off the start of the Lady Cardinals' basketball season. The Lady Cards played in the Du Quoin Tournament. They faced three good teams with all different styles of playing: Christopher, Du Quoin, and Murphysboro. Starting off the season 2-1, Ryan Petersen (SR) ended the tournament with 35 points, Jase Burkett (SO) ended with 30 points, and Ella Bequette (JR) ended with 20 points. Bequette got her first double-double of the season against Murphysboro with 14 points and 12 rebounds. After the final game of the tournament, the Cards came home with a 1st place trophy and having two players named to the All-Tournament Team, Ryan Petersen and Jase Burkett.

Monday, November 30, having 3 games in the span of 5 days, the Lady Cards started their regular season. The Cards fell to the Okawville Lady Rockets. The JV team had their first game of the season; Lilly McKinney (JR) had 15 points to start the season. The second game of the week was against Pinckneyville. Pulling out a tough win, Burkett led the team with 12 points and Zoey Shields (SR) followed with 10 points. With 30 rebounds on the night, Bequette had 10 on her own.

Shields led the team with 15 points to help the Lady Cards pull out a win against Flora. The Lady Cards are now 4-2. Cheer on the Lady Cards and watch any of their home games and some away games, previous and future, on the NFHS Network!

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PHOTO BOOTH

TOP 5 Christmas MOVIES

DIE HARD	5
ELF	4
CHRISTMAS VACATION	3
THE GRINCH	2
HOME ALONE	1

Poll taken by WHS students and staff.

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WHAT IN THE WORLD

GLOBAL LEARNING AT WOODLAWN HIGH

Woodlawn High School is pleased to show off another one of our foreign exchange students! Maria (Mery) Romero is from Madrid, Spain and is enjoying her time learning about another culture. After a hard time in her home city, she decided she wanted a change. A close friend first brought up the program PAX, an exchange student program, and soon she became interested. In November 2020, Mery began her journey of making her way to the United States. She started off with putting together a profile and a letter that included information about herself and her life. After several months of planning and waiting, the Kirgan family decided she was the best fit. Mery was very excited and, four days later, she was on her way to Woodlawn. Some of her favorite memories so far include going to a Harry Styles concert, Thanksgiving, and her first homecoming. She is used to living in a city, so living in Southern Illinois is different for her. Mery is involved in FBLA and cheerleading. "I feel like I'm in a movie all the time. Everything is new and feels surreal. This truly has been a dream come true." This experience for her has been wonderful and she is thankful for all the people she has met and her host family.