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DEBOARD OF QUOTES
— Memorize this —

$2+2=40$
 $(29a+3)=90$
 $2(z+2)=20$

"You need to put your brain into this."

$13^3=2197$
 $f(x)=ax^2+bx+c$
 $12+12=24$
 $105_6 216=3$

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NEWS FROM THE NEST
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WHS

Book banning efforts are spreading across the United States. The reason for banning books in school libraries is to protect children from things that the adults who are banning books find offensive. Adults are unable to see beyond the harsh truths of the books' subjects. Recently, a more popular novel that has been banned in Tennessee is Art Spiegelman's book, *Maus*. This novel is about the author's father's experience of the Holocaust. It has been banned due to citing inappropriate language and nudity. Other best-selling books that tackle themes of racism and imperialism have also been banned. These bans are censoring young people's ability to learn about historical and ongoing injustices. Some WHS teachers have strong feelings against banning these books. When asked about this practice, English teacher, Ms. Rapp, says, "In my opinion, students in 8th grade are mature enough to learn about the Holocaust, the Trail of Tears, or lynch mobs. I feel like high school students are better off knowing verifiable facts about any event, rather than trying to figure out the truth behind a candy-coated version made up to shine a more positive light on the perpetrators." WHS student Gracie Shopinski also weighed in: "Banning books hurts students because they are censored from the past. It is important to learn from our past so that we do not repeat the same mistakes." Authors and librarians are fighting against this every day. Certainly, the last two years have seen many changes in the policies at individual school districts. There is a chance banning books could make it to WHS. Until then, we are free to read.

Written by: Olivia Skinner

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
A LOOK INTO STUDENT LIFE



Meet Gracie Lowery! She is a freshman with a very exciting schedule. **1. English:** It comes easy to Gracie, and she enjoys Mrs. Scott's sense of humor. **2. Biology:** Mrs. Coalson is one of her favorite teachers and she makes the class difficult, while enjoyable! **3. Health:** This is a fun class and they play "Zap," an exciting game Mrs. Coalson created to help study for the difficult tests. **4. Spanish:** This is a very easy class that uses an online program called Rosetta Stone. She looks forward to this class since it is right before lunch. **5. Algebra I:** Mr. DeBoard says the most random things that make the class more fun! **6. Intro To Agriculture:** She is always laughing in this class while learning about agriculture. Mrs. Morgan makes sure to make the material digestible. **7. History of Conspiracies:** She says Mr. Smith makes the class more enjoyable and he reminds her of a comedian. She looks forward to this class even though it is challenging. Thank you, Gracie, for going through your day with us!



Written by: Gracie Shopinski

There are many career paths that one can choose from, many of which require further education, but not everyone is cut out for college. For those who have no interest in attending college, there are many options that don't require it, such as firefighting- a noble career.

When interested, a student has many options to help them become a firefighter, such as the fire science program offered through the Mt. Vernon Area Vocational Center (AVC), which is an option for students at Woodlawn High School. This year, the fire science program takes up the first two class periods of the school day and is held on the Mt. Vernon High School campus. Wyatt Meadows, a student who attends the fire science class, said the following when asked what happens in the class: "Most days, we will put on all of our firefighter gear and do various tasks a firefighter would do, such as running a fire hose or trying to squeeze into tight spaces with our gear on."

Once out of high school, prospective firefighters will not be able to immediately start as a firefighter. They will need to get an EMT certification and receive training at a fire academy. Additionally, depending on where they want to work, there may be location-specific certifications that you have to complete. The job of a firefighter is a respectable profession, and if a student has what it takes, it can be a great job that doesn't require a college degree.

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CARDINAL CAREERS
THINGS TO DO BEFORE LEAVING THE NEST

Written by: Carolyn Wallace

DOWN, NOT OUT

WOODLAWN CARDINALS BOYS BASKETBALL

The boys' team has had a challenging season with not only COVID-19 stopping them but also many injuries. Their only senior got to play a total of seven games before he got injured. Drew Martin told us, "Not only has this season gone fast but, also, my total basketball career. Getting injured and having my season ended, especially as a senior, has not been fun, but I get to spend time with my teammates." A junior, Joey Metcalf, also told us: "The injuries have taken most of the season because so many people are in and out and they are usually varsity starters."

Coach Dawson Verhines' varsity starters do not play J.V., which has made it hard for them because there is only one senior. Although this keeps the starters from getting worn out and injured, it pulls out three sophomores and two juniors that could be playing J.V. After talking to Metcalf and Martin, they told us not only about their season but also their highlights. Metcalf stated, "I am proud of our J.V. team playing against Sandoval because they are a tough team." Martin told us, "One highlight would be getting a 1-point win over Okawville in the Kaskaskian Classic in Carlyle." After hearing about their tough season, we talked about how basketball has helped them through high school. Especially because they are juniors and seniors, it they reflected on making new friends and meeting new people. It's also a good way

to stay in shape, and to get the frustration out after a tough day at school.

The Cardinals ended the season at 4-22 with a loss to Wayne City in the first round of the regional tournament, while looking forward to better days ahead on the court.

Written by: Tayva Mellott

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 squeak of shoes on the court, the smell of popcorn floating down the hallways, and the sound of screaming fans cheering on their team... these memories can take you back in time, remembering the years you might have bought a ticket at the WHS ticket booth. In the middle of the main hallway at WHS sits an iconic display of glass block that was once used for selling tickets and other things, but now is mostly used for storage. Alumni Linda Williams said, "In the early 60's, it was used for basketball games and Student Council sold candy during lunch from the ticket booth." According to former school secretary Donna Bumpus, "From 1979-99, a delivery man dropped off the school's orders in the ticket booth."

So, why isn't the ticket booth used for ticket sales anymore instead of just storage? No one really knows the answer. However, WHS loves having the beautiful ticket booth as part of their history of the school. Perhaps one day the booth can once again be used, but it remains—for now— simply a piece of our history. A new generation of games, students, administration, and community could bring about change—even bigger than the ticket booth.

Written by: Kalli Wheeler

Woodlawn Happenings

March 10 End of 1st Quarter
March 11 NO SCHOOL; Teacher In-Service
March 18 Country Rhodes Fish Fry

Relationship Status

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WHS students were asked about their current relationship status:



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CARDINAL CLUBHOUSE

WHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Future Business Leaders of America is a club that provides many great opportunities for students to experience the business side of the world by competing in academic competitions. Each month there are meetings designed and planned by FBLA officers, changing according to each year's theme. This year, most of the meetings have been off-campus in order to highlight businesses in the area. They have gone to the First Baptist Church Food Pantry in Woodlawn, Magnum Steel Works, and Nu Bowl Lanes. Every meeting includes good food from local restaurants, their meeting agenda items, and a tour from a business owner.

FBLA also offers four travel experiences every year. The National Fall Leadership Conference, which is held in a major city in the US (this year in Milwaukee, WI), is offered to WHS FBLA officers only. Every student has an opportunity to go to the Southern Leadership Conference at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL, the State Leadership Conference in Springfield, IL, and the National Leadership Conference in Chicago, IL (location changes annually). To compete in these three conferences, students have the choice to do a presentation over a certain topic or take a test over a certain subject. After competing at the Southern Leadership Conference (virtual this year), they head to the State Leadership Conference, and then possibly the National Leadership Conference if they place high enough at state. To help raise money, FBLA has had a couple of fundraisers. They hosted a Back to School Bash at the high school to help with funds when the officers traveled to Milwaukee. They also had all club members sell bed sheets and spirit wear to earn money to attend the conferences. Both of these fundraisers turned out to be successful. This year's FBLA theme is "Success Starts Here"

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