

2022-2023

# INSIDE

«THE LAWN»

WOODLAWN HIGH SCHOOL

February

## LIL' CARDS, BIG DREAMS

The Woodlawn High School cheerleading team hosted a Lil' Cards Camp. Where pre-k through 5th grade girls learned how to stunt, jump, tumble, and perfect their motions. The high school cheerleaders, Brooke McKay, Briley Kirgan, Sarah King, Kalli Wheeler, Haylee Tackitt, and Alexa Severs taught the girls a floor cheer. The high school girls said that it was so cute to see all of the little grade school cheerleaders so excited to learn from the "big girls." They all had so much energy and were super excited for the stations, especially stunting. Sarah and Kalli separated the girls into stunt groups and everyone got to fly. Brooke helped all of the girls tumble. From cartwheels to back walkovers, she did an amazing job. In the motion station, Briley helped the girls with basic motions like high v's. The Lil' Cards learned how to do toe touches and herkies from Alexa. She demonstrated the



counts, arm placement, and how to put their legs according to the different jumps. After two practice sessions, the girls performed on February 12th. They did their floor cheer during halftime of the varsity game versus Dieterich. The 2023 Lil' Cards did a fantastic job! We hope they pursue their love of cheer in the future.

Story by: Kalli Wheeler

## NATURAL TALENTS At WHS

### ALL-STAR BAKER

Katie Repasty



KATIE WHIPS UP FANTASTIC TREATS ON THE DAILY

Graphic by: Kennedy Odum

### DODGEBALL MASTER

Evan Hefner



EVAN SNIPES AND DUCKS HIS WAY THROUGH P.E.

### TRAIN LIBRARY

Blaise Lambert



BLAISE KNOWS EVERYTHING AND MORE ABOUT TRAINS

## CLIP OF kindness

On a field trip, I saw JW Morgan leaning on a stranger's truck. He was concerned about the condition of the person's tire. He had taken his time to write a note and leave it on their windshield. The world needs more people like JW!



—BE THE KIND AT WOODLAWN—



## Save the Date:

Mar. 10 - NO SCHOOL and Fish Fry @ WHS

Mar. 22 - Freshman Orientation

Mar. 31 - 2:10 Dismissal

Mar. 31-Apr. 9 - Spring Break

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## OLD DOGS, NEW TRICKS

There is an age-old saying that holds wisdom for animal care; "You can't teach an old dog, new tricks." Except at WHS, old dogs take pride in learning new tricks. From cutting edge technology classes and specialized support courses to investigations of popular conspiracies and the Holocaust, WHS has a surprising number of elective courses for students to expand their horizons and sate their curiosity.

Three such elective courses were launched this year: Introduction to Mythology with Ms. Rapp, Art History by Mrs. Montgomery, and Law Enforcement taught by Mr. Webb. For students in these courses, it can be nice to get a break from the traditional class grind. That's exactly what drew Ella Bequette, senior, to the class, "Law Enforcement makes us think about real-life situations way more than any of my other classes do." For others, it is a chance to really pursue a personal interest in a more formal manner. Sara Pfister, senior, has been surprised by her experience in Mythology, "It's amazing how these mythological stories are similar to how humans act."

For the teachers themselves, it can be an exciting challenge to develop something new and a challenge to make it relevant to a teenage audience. Ms. Rapp is enjoying the freedom to experiment a bit with the initial iteration of Mythology. "This first year has been a bit of a work in progress, but students have been working on their research skills, and have used that information to create their own mummies, sarcophagi, and maps of the three Norse worlds." Mrs. Montgomery is excited about a world tour of sorts in Art History. Students recently created cave art from paper textured with sand and charcoal. She plans to investigate Mesopotamian, Egyptian, and Greco-Roman art this semester. There is something about a new course that really sparks the imagination and brings energy to a school environment. But whatever you do, just don't call these teachers at WHS old dogs - they've always got some new tricks up their sleeves.

Story by: Tayva Mellott

## NUEVOS COMIENZOS - FRESH START

For most teachers, a good day is just a good day, but for new WHS hire Mrs. Rebecca Webber, a good day is a *buen día*. Mrs. Webber, our new Spanish teacher, is originally from Venezuela, so moving to the U.S. was a huge change. She studied English in high school but didn't think she would need it until she moved to the U.S. at the age of twenty-four, and had to relearn a lot of the language. Luckily for her, she learned English pretty quickly by watching movies with subtitles and reading books. However, the Mrs. Webber we know wasn't always a high school teacher. Before her teaching career, she worked in business and marketing for seventeen years. Mrs. Webber traveled to a total of twenty countries during her past career. You may wonder how she ended up in Southern Illinois after all that traveling. Well, she thought it would be an ideal place to settle down while getting to spend more time with her kids and being closer to family. Soon enough, she decided to interview for a teaching position at Woodlawn. She thought it would be an excellent fit for her, considering she always had a love for teaching. Woodlawn High School has many great teachers and Mrs. Webber is now part of the team.



Story by: Peyton England

## ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

Congratulations to the WHS Illinois State Scholars for 2022-2023: **Briley Kirgan, Carson Burkett, Kodie Van Eycke, and Brooke McKay.** Illinois State Scholars represent approximately the top ten percent of high school seniors from across the state and are chosen each year based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and GPA as of the end of the sixth semester.



## AFTER THE BELL W/ MR. DEBOARD

This month the Woodlawn High School newsletter has chosen to feature our very own Mr. DeBoard!

**GAS STATION SNACK:** Soda - it's not a snack but I don't get anything else. It's all too expensive.

**GO-TO KARAOKE SONG:** "Faithfully"

**FAVORITE PLACE:** Lake of the Ozarks

**FAVORITE ROAD:** Road to Success. This is a real road. I've traveled it.

**FAVORITE BOOK:** Bible

**UNWANTED HABIT:** Caring too much

**CULVER'S ORDER:** Concrete. Whatever they call them. The equivalent of a blizzard.

**LITTLE DEBBIE CAKE:** I don't know what they're called. The little white ones.

**FAVORITE FONT:** \*look of disgust\* none

**FAVORITE HOUR OF THE DAY:** 3:00pm

Story by: Gracie Loss