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With this strange year at the high school a lot has changed, and a lot of people didn't like all of the changes. However, there is one thing that changed possibly for the better, there were no semester exams! Usually, if you don't miss more than two days, don't have any disciplinary actions against you, and have at least a B then you don't have to take them. However, this year no one had to take the exams since everything was so different for the students and teachers.

Most people simply hate the idea of the exams. However, there are certainly some possible benefits, such as good preparation for college. It can help give your grades a last minute boost if they aren't the best, which are valid points. Therefore, I don't think that the exams should be completely done away with, but instead they should be optional. Then, if you really want the experience or the grade boost, the option is there.

So, what does the student body think? School Publications polled the student body in a recent survey. A large majority of the students only wanted exams when you could take them optionally to raise your grade. The second most voted option was no exams at all. From this, you can tell that it's very obvious students don't enjoy the exams, but, as I've said before, there are some benefits. With our school still not decided on what to do about exams for the second semester, a lot of students are ready to be done with them for good. So what will our school decide?



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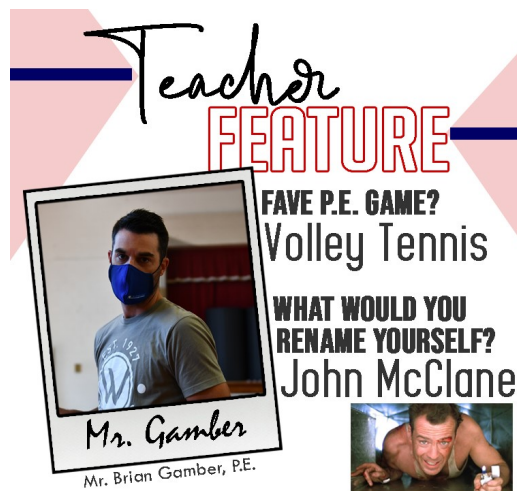
Everybody knows that COVID-19 has taken its toll on student athletes, but some individuals are keeping their skills on point by playing elsewhere, despite new restrictions.

Last year, Jacy Knox did not get to play her freshman year of softball due to the pandemic, but she is still continuing to play with her travel team. At some games, dugouts are not allowed to be used, but otherwise it hasn't been affected greatly.

Nick McElroy's baseball career mostly relies on his travel baseball season. His team is still able to travel out of state and across the country to play the sport he loves.

For girls' basketball Macy Williams and most of the WHS team are putting on different uniforms and heading to Missouri to play in tournaments almost every weekend.

While it is still unknown whether the volleyball schedule will be pushed back again or cancelled, Lauren Harris and I are both practicing twice a week and continuing club season almost the same as usual, besides the restrictions. Depending on the tournament, each player is allowed two people or none at all to go into the gymnasium and masks are required at all times.



WHO WOULD YOU SWITCH LIVES WITH?

Pat Fitzgerald

WOULD YOU RATHER LOOK OR FEEL LIKE A POTATO? Wow, I will go with feel like a potato.

That question really fry-ed my brain... See what I did there.


Story By: Brooke McKay

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Postal Customer

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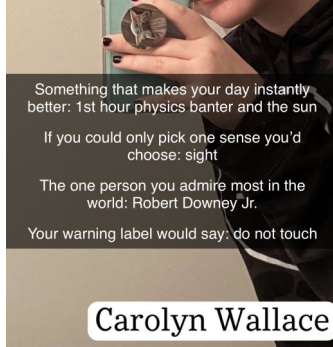
New Years resolution: start eating better
 Something that makes your day instantly better: if someone brought me food just because
 If you could only pick one sense you'd choose: sight
 The one person you admire most in the world: my mom
 Your warning label would say: sarcastic



Mollie White

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New Years resolution: forgot to make one
 Something that makes your day instantly better: 1st hour physics banter and the sun
 If you could only pick one sense you'd choose: sight
 The one person you admire most in the world: Robert Downey Jr.
 Your warning label would say: do not touch



Carolyn Wallace

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Carter Hayse

New Years resolution: not make my parents as mad everyday
 Something that makes your day instantly better: big explosions
 If you could only pick one sense you'd choose: spidey senses
 The one person you admire most in the world: my parents
 Your warning label would say: danger



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New Years resolution: to drink less soda
 Something that makes your day instantly better: making people laugh
 If you could only pick one sense you'd choose: taste



Alex Beckham

The one person you admire most in the world: Aaron Rodgers
 Your warning label would say: if hungry will be hangry

By: Emily McMahon

THE Club HUB

Graphic By: Briley Kirgan; Story By: Taylor Maharrey

The National Honor Society is a great club to be a part of because it gives students many opportunities. This club can not only benefit your college resume, but can give students opportunities to enhance their leadership skills. The National Honor Society and Honors have both had obstacles to overcome due to covid, but has still been able to be successful this school year.

Ms. Rapp has stated that as with all of the clubs at WHS, Woodlawn Honors has been greatly affected by covid-19. They have not been able to visit college campuses, attend cultural events, or participate in face-to-face academic challenges. The one opportunity they have had is to participate in the IHSA Leadership Challenge. The IHSA certification can be used on college applications. The Leadership Challenge is done independently and through Google Classroom. Ms. Rapp said that even the best and brightest students are sometimes challenged by the prospect of working independently through the course. It is an excellent opportunity though especially during these covid times.

There are still some other projects that the National Honors Society has been able to do through the pandemic. One example is to give blood. This is an awesome opportunity to help other people's lives. The Honors Society hosted a blood drive recently at Woodlawn High School. Ms. Rapp said the December blood drive was a bright spot in the 2020 school year. Ms. Rapp said we were fortunate to be able to use the First Baptist Church of Woodlawn as a venue. She said that we filled every single appointment spot open for donations! The Red Cross offered screenings for COVID-19 antibodies to all donors, and over the course of a few hours saw 41

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WOODLAWN HIGH SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

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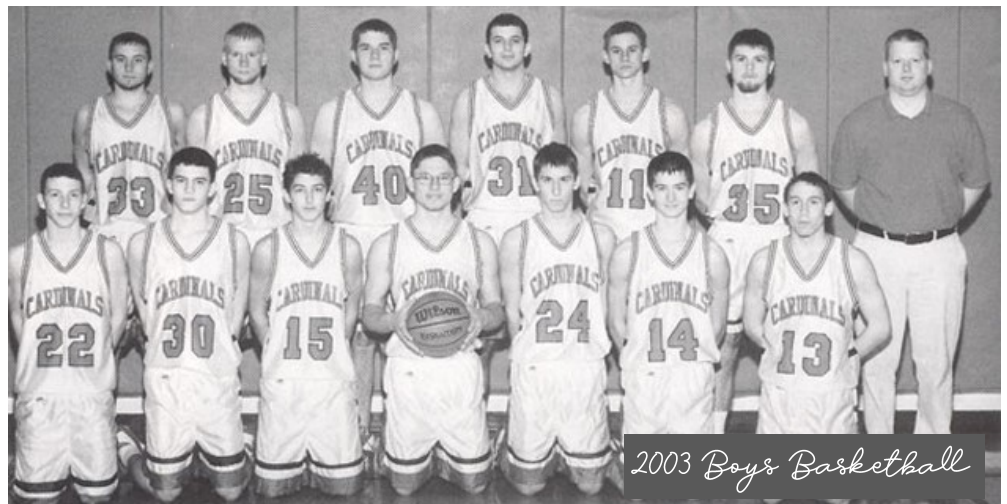
- 12 12:00 Dismissal- Teacher In-Service
- 15 President's Day (No School)



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Years of Woodlawn High!

Woodlawn High School is celebrating 100 YEARS in 2020! Each month during this school year, we will share a memory from the past 100 years. Check out the complete VIRTUAL YEARBOOK online at woodlawnschools.org



2003 Boys Basketball
 Front Row: Mike Pool, Brock Green, Mike Tiemann, Jody Kabat, Derek Burns, John Kindle and Jeremy Wilton
 Row 2: Luke Rollie, Nick Knapp, Dustin Gholson, Thomas Knox, Doug Junkins, Jeremy Clinton and Coach Shane Witzel