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DEBOARD OF QUOTES
— Memorize this —

$2+2=4$ $(29a+3)=90$ $2(2+2)=20$

"By my definition, tomorrow means the next school day and Monday means the first school day of the week."

$12+12=24$ $12 \times 4 = 48$ $y = mx + b$ $8 \times 8 = 64$

Created by: Amelia Neabuhr

NEWS FROM THE NEST WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WHS

No one's sure what "normal" is anymore as WHS nears its 3rd school year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many people have yet to feel as though they can lead a normal high school life, and even fewer still have ever experienced a normal quarter of high school. COVID-19 has made life horrible for more than just high school students, however. People have died: loved ones, friends, family, neighbors, the elderly—we all have suffered during the last two years. We've been told to stay at home, spending more time with those who reside with us (if that is true, because many people have been so alone). This pandemic has been detrimental to the world—let's highlight its effect.

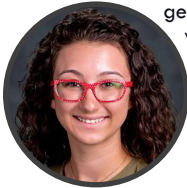
COVID has caused a variety of negative effects on the world, one of the biggest things being the health of the nation. Roughly 866,000 people have died after contracting the virus, and those who haven't died yet contracted COVID have had some permanent effects on their body, such as a loss of taste or smell, while others have had permanent damage to their breathing ability. More still have lost their jobs because of the pandemic. Many workers who were deemed non essential had lost income after many of those similarly-nonessential businesses had closed down. In spite of federal and state assistance, many people struggled financially, which would inevitably lead to being unable to afford food, clothing, housing, and medical services. The effect that most applies to WHS is schooling. So many schools have had their students behind on what would normally be the plan in classes taken. There have reportedly been gaps between where a student who is entering into high school would be at and where our students are at now, which means that the last two years could make becoming successful in life so much more difficult than it already is.

With all of that said, there have been so many things that have just made life so much more difficult because of the COVID-19 pandemic. So many people's lives have been changed for the worse, including students, and there is a much-needed effort in order to rebuild the lives of those affected. There are certain to be charities that are dedicated to helping people get on their feet; they have existed even before the pandemic started, but the need for help has been greater now more than ever.

Written by: Benton Garner

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.

Meet Senior **PAYTON LOSS**: What is a day like for her? 1. Chemistry: Payton says that it is challenging to work hard to get a good grade. 2. Rhet and Comp: You have to write many essays, and it's time-consuming. 3. Psychology: An exciting class, with Mr. Smith making it enjoyable. 4. Physical Education: Payton's favorite class; her favorite game is volleyball tennis. She enjoys hearing Mr. Gamber jokingly trash talk his students when they aren't trying. 5. Printmaking and Sculpture: Payton says it is a fun class and she enjoys using her imagination to create something magical. 6. World History: Make sure to study your Kahoots to ace that test! 7. Anatomy: The most challenging class she has taken this year; she says you get to learn the scientific term for every body part. Mrs. Coalson helps her understand when she isn't getting what is taught in class. 8. Study Hall: Payton is in Mr. Trill's study hall, and it is fantastic! Her favorite part in that study hall was when she and Mr. Trill started singing a song from Moana called "We Know The Way" together. Payton is involved in cheerleading outside of school, likes hanging out with friends and family, and enjoys violin lessons.



Written by: Madison Burkett

BIRD'S EYE VIEW
A LOOK INTO STUDENT LIFE

Decision making is hard, especially when that decision determines where your whole future is heading. Not knowing what to do or who to turn for advice can negatively affect your outlook ahead. In order to prevent that, Woodlawn High School offers a multitude of courses and advisors to help you on your path to success.

According to Next Gen Personal Finance (NGPF, 2016), the most common career chosen among high schoolers is registered nursing. A registered nurse assists doctors and other nurses in high adrenaline settings. There is a growing need for nurses everyday, due to the well-known COVID-19. If you choose to work as an RN then you can tremendously impact the lives of others.

Any and all science classes are recommended to be taken to become a nurse. WHS offers biology, chemistry, anatomy/human physiology, health, physical science, physics, BSAA (plants and animals), and zoology, which is a solid lineup for choices. Along with Woodlawn's science courses, a CNA (certified nurse's assistant) class is offered through Mount Vernon High School's AVC program.

Deciding to take fitting classes to become a nurse could be a jumpstart on your path to success. The path is full of twists and turns, never straight or obvious. Choosing a suitable career for yourself could help you find your niche in life, which would make your life all the more satisfying.

Written by: Amelia Neabuhr

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CARDINAL CAREERS
THINGS TO DO BEFORE LEAVING THE NEST

Jan 31
Feb 18
Feb 21

CEO Application Deadline
Half Day- Teacher In-Service
No School- President's Day

SHOUT IT OUT

WOODLAWN HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING

The definition of cheerleading is a sport involving the performance of organized cheering, chanting, and dancing in support of a sports team at games, and the Woodlawn Lady Cardinal Cheerleaders show us just that. The Cardinals have supportive coaches, Ashton Hapeman and Alex Ethell, who show up to games and practices ready to make the team better. As senior Kayln Koester tells us: "If everyone isn't doing their part, it doesn't work. If a flyer isn't squeezing every muscle in her body she will fall, if the bases aren't using their legs or have their hands in the right spot the flyer will fall, and if the back spot isn't lifting as much weight off the bases as physically possible the stunt will fall." The Lady Cardinals have competed in three competitions so far this year, starting at Mt. Vernon High School, where they placed 3rd and qualified for the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA). The next competition they went to was at Edwardsville High School where they placed 6th. The most recent competition they went to was the ICCA State in Springfield, Illinois, they placed 13th out of the 32 teams competing. Their next competition is on January 29th and will be held at Edwardsville High School for the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Sectionals; they will be competing against 17 other teams and have to make top five to move on to IHSA State. Koester mentions that the girls practice at least two three hour practices a week, consisting of stretching and warming up with jumps, tumbling, and stunts, then head straight into a routine full out until practice is over. Koester says "When I say full out, I



mean we do our routine like we would at a competition, smiles on our faces, tight motions, jumps, stunts, and all tumbling." The team definitely has their ups and downs, but when it comes to working together this cheer team makes it happen. The cheerleaders are ready to give it all they got and have a great season!

Written by: Kennedi Odum



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.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Woodlawn isn't the biggest school in the world, and this can sometimes lead to issues. There has been a regular influx of students who live within the Woodlawn school district, which means more students within the school. This school wasn't quite made for a large student population since Woodlawn itself is so small, so this influx causes issues when it comes to space. The school's fix for the space issue was to bring in a temporary annex just west of the freshman hall exit.

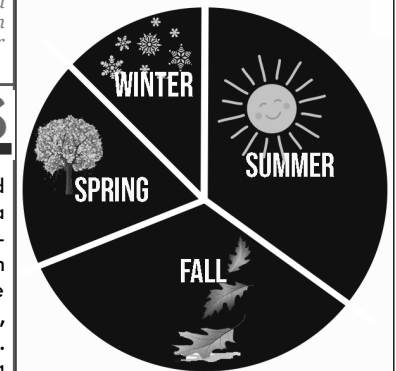
The annex was brought in for the 2003-2004 school year and has been here ever since, which has made it seem much less temporary to the student body. Many teachers have taught out in the annex. In total, there were about 10 teachers who taught in the annex, including former teachers Mrs. McBride and Mrs. DeHoyos and current teachers Mrs. Lamczyk, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Witzel, Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Hodge. Most of the teachers who taught there have been moved into the main school building, but there still isn't quite enough room for every teacher to be in the main building. The school district recently raised enough money to build more permanent additions to the grade school and the high school, but the grade school annexes are top priority since they are in much worse condition than the high school annex. A new addition to the high school may be in our future, but until then, we have the annex.

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*What's your
Favorite Season?*

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CARDINAL CLUBHOUSE

WHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

In the summer of 2022, a group of WHS students will be flying overseas to explore London, England and Paris, France. The group will be gone for 10 days with plans on sightseeing at attractions such as Oxford in London and Versailles near Paris. This trip was originally planned for the summer of 2021, but the outbreak of COVID-19 caused a year-long delay.

To help with the costs of traveling, Mrs. Scott, who is not only planning the trip, but is also one of the English teachers at WHS. Several fundraisers were planned, which is usually the best way to help students attend these big events- but COVID-19 caused the cancellation of some of these plans, as well. However, on January 15, 2022, the first Woodlawn Goes Worldwide Trivia Night was brought to WHS by Mrs. Scott. Four groups competed against each other and raised about \$500. Each group answered questions in categories such as history, entertainment, music, and more. A 50/50 raffle and silent auction were also held at Trivia Night. Trivia Night was another fun way to raise money for this trip and could be the start of an annual event for WHS to raise money for more trips to come!

Written by: Emma Rapp

