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School's in session! WHS is already in the groove of learning after beginning August 13th. There have been a few changes in Woodlawn this school year: staffing, policies, hours, and more have changed from last year. COVID's still around, but we're lucky to be back in an almost normal fashion. Take a look at what the life of a Cardinal looks like!

To begin with, we're still wearing masks. Since masks have been mandated by the state, we have to comply. We also still have the contact-tracing system put in place - led by none other than our wonderful nurse Mrs. Becky Webb - to halt the spread of COVID-19. However, despite still being in a pandemic, some things are more back to normal. One of those things is that we are back to an 8:25-3:00 bell schedule like in previous years, which is HUGE. That means that we have normal-length hours again- perfect for those math classes that need the time to cram in more info. We are also back to having one of the most important aspects of high school (besides education, of course): we have clubs again! Clubs are an essential part $^{\perp}$ of the high school experience; they allow you to make new connections with like-minded peo-

To another aspect of change: staffing! We have brought on new people to the WHS family of teachers: Mrs. Heather Mellott, who is leading the Spanish classes this year through the Rosetta Stone program, and Mr. Lucas Morgan, a music teacher

who is bringing a new sound to this school after not having music for a few years. It's always great to see new faces!

Muffer by: Benton Garner

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MEET Jason Inman! He is a junior with an exciting schedule. OHistory of Conspiracies. "I've always been a big fan of that kind of stuff even if it is super goofy." Mr. Smith is also just very entertaining and funny so that's always nice to be around." 2 Business Math. Math has never been his strong point, but he tries extra hard to make sure he's doing well. 6 English III. He likes some of the stories because they give him

characters to draw. 4Ag Science. While not a favorite subject, the teachers make it as entertaining as possible. *LUNCH*"We all know what happens at lunch, but I'll tell you anyway- big shocker here- I eat food! I know, it's crazy." ⑤ P.E. "I do art, so I'm not $_{
m Z}$ good with sports. I'm in shape and can keep up and all- I just don't know the rules and then my team regrets picking me. I warn them in advance so that's on them." @Resource Management. He likes the teacher, Mrs. Montgomery, but that's not his favorite class. However, his goal is to knock out all of the art classes (which Mrs. Montgomery teaches) before he ograduates. American History. He enjoys that class because he likes all 🐗 he old-timey things. He ends the day by going to work his job at Pizza Hut.

Gracie Loss

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Clubs this year are firing up for Woodlawn High School, and what a better way to get the students excited for the clubs than with a club assembly! On September 7th, the high school had a school-wide assembly from 2:10 to 3:00, with information about the what, when, and where for the clubs. It started with Social Studies teacher Mr. Matt Smith having students participate in a game of Human Knot. Mr. Smith used this game as a representation of togetherness, which is what clubs are all about. Each club sponsor then went on to give information about their respective clubs. This year's clubs include Youth in Government, Art Club, Tech Bytes, Expeditions, Chess Club, Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Future Farmers of America (FFA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Scholar Bowl, and The Flock. After the information was given, the club sponsors went to their tables, where students then started signing up. Music was played while students signed up for different clubs and mingled. It was evident that students and teachers enjoyed the assembly and are excited for the return of school clubs at WHS!

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The Woodlawn volleyball team has had a very exciting season so far! Their training started in June with open gyms where the players were conditioned to prepare u for the season ahead. These girls worked through the summer months to improve their skills with August tryouts in the forefront of their minds. Since then, the players have worked very hard during practice in order to be prepared for games. Their practices consist of serve receive, passing drills, hitting lines, and, sometimes, a mile run through the village of Woodlawn. These players practice at full effort and win games all while doing homework and keeping their grades up.

Lauren Harris hit the 1,000 kill mark on Thursday, September 9, during the Mt. Vernon game! Aumalie Murdock is on the brink of breaking a record in digs. Aumalie's goal this season

is to go to state. Recently, the team placed 2nd in the gold division at the Benton tournament in a field of tough competitors. They are looking forward to a strong finish. Come cheer them on for senior night on September 20th!



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.

In every toolbox, there is always one tool that's a little overlooked. It's not the tool that demands the most attention, but it's the tool that works. It's dependable. It's tried and true. Mrs. Hodge is the unsung hero of the toolbox at Woodlawn High School.

There is always one tool that is unique to the rest. Mrs. Hodge is the most unique tool in the toolbox for Woodlawn High School. Her schedule differs greatly from any other person's in the entire school. Unlike other teachers, Mrs. Hodge does not have a class of her own. Typically, she does not do any lesson planning, but that creates time for her to assist any student. From checking everybody's grades, homework help, and answering any question, Mrs. Hodge is the jack of all trades.

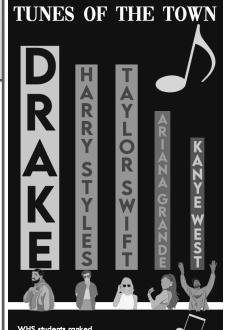
Like all tools, every single one has a specific job. It gets the job done no matter what. You go search for the exact tool you need, you depend on it- much the same as Mrs. Hodge. She excels in math (which happens to be her favorite subject). She also enjoys Spanish and chemistry. No matter what, everybody can depend on Mrs. Hodge to get the job done.

In a toolbox, all the individual tools and pieces are there to create one big masterpiece. "I love my coworkers. It feels like a work-family, not a job," states Mrs. Hodge. Even though there are many things she likes about Woodlawn High School, she wishes to eventually have a late start one morning each week for teacher meetings with each other. Her advice to the students at Woodlawn High School is "Work hard and get involved with some sports and clubs!"

Mrs. Hodge is the go-to person, unsung hero, jack-of-all-trades, and, most importantly, she is Woodlawn High School's most dependable tool.

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Monthly Poll



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WHAT IN THE WORLD

In the last few years, Woodlawn has seemed to be a magnet for foreign exchange students. This year, our very first foreign exchange student is Ozay Bas. Ozay is from Istanbul, Turkey, and is loving life in America. Here in Woodlawn, athletic events are a big deal and Ozay loves it! Athletic events aren't a very big deal in Turkey, unlike here. Obviously, culture is very different here than it is in Turkey. It isn't very uncommon for Americans to not eat breakfast. This shocked him because, in Turkey, breakfast is viewed as the most important meal of the day. They have huge breakfasts in his hometown. As far as classes, Woodlawn has quite a few to offer but so far, Ozay's favorites are College Algebra and History of Conspiracies.

