Blue Streak Families,

As the second semester continues, I wanted to pause and thank all of our students that work tirelessly for our school. It takes many years to understand the need and appreciate the value of community service, especially when there is no tangible reward except thanks. So, while I wish I could name every student who helps WHS personally in this article, this is a start to show our appreciation for the incredible efforts of our students.

I wonder how many people reading this know about The Kindness Closet. While there is a Nooks and Crannies Twitter video about it (follow me for videos--@art_vallicelli), Our closet has become one of a few instrumental programs to help those students who need support. The closet provides food, clothing, winter coats, shoes, and even toiletries. We are even connected to a knitting group that provides homemade winter hats for those who need one! The Kindness Closet is largely student-run and is willing to help anyone, so please contact us if you know someone who can benefit from some kindness.

This is just a small piece of a larger community. We have a peer tutoring program to help those students who have academic needs to be met. Our tutors are trained in how to appropriately work with their peers, and we rely solely on volunteers, meaning students are only doing this to help others. We offer peer tutoring before and after school on most days of the week.

We even have a few tutors that go into math classrooms to provide 1-on-1 support to students who need help if the teacher is working with others. No one is forced to tutor, yet many of our tutors continue to tutor for their entire high school career once they start. And, equally as great, certain students find their way to us as student assistants.

As a former teacher, let me tell you how important these students are! They save our staff countless hours of work by completing tasks that give our teachers the freedom to design better lessons, create quality assessments, and more. Again, the assistants’ generosity is incredible. They had the option to remain in study hall and work on their own homework, but instead chose to give back. I applaud all our student assistants (and their wonderful homes where this value was learned!) for their hard work.

I truly could go on and on about the ways that our students provide for each other. After all, being a Blue Streak has meaning, and one attribute we believe in is service. If you walk into our building on any day, you can see how our students give back daily. To all those students who are part of any club, activity, class, or program that gives back, a genuine thank you to all!

Sincerely,

Art Vallicelli, Ed. D
Principal

“The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.” - Vincent Lombardi
Junior College & Career Meetings

Researching the details of your next step after graduation
- Juniors will work with counselors during English class the first few weeks of February to learn about their timeline of activities for planning for life after high school.
- Juniors will review what role GPAs and SAT scores play in their future options.
- Juniors will explore what education and training options best fit their future goals (apprenticeships, 2 or 4-year college, military, on-the-job training, etc.).
- Juniors will learn how to determine what colleges or programs are a good fit for their needs and interests.
- Juniors will learn how to search for scholarships to help pay for their post-secondary plans.

ACCESS Testing for English Language Learners continues

Measuring your level of English
- Students in English Language Learner (ELL) classes will finish taking the ACCESS test this month to determine their level of English language acquisition. This test will help determine course placement for next school year.

Make an appointment with your counselor online!

Mrs. Harmer (Career Facilitator)  aharmer.youcanbook.me
Ms. Landwehr (School Counselor)  slandwehr.youcanbook.me
Mrs. Rogers (School Counselor)  arogers.youcanbook.me
Ms. Wintersteen (school Counselor)  awintersteen.youcanbook.me

Click HERE to visit our Student Services website or call 815.206.2252

Notes from the Nurse...

Did you know that it is recommended that students see a dentist every 6 months? Well, we have a solution for you! Stop in at the nurse's office and pick up the forms to see the dentist February 23rd at Woodstock High School. For questions, please contact Connie Happ at 815.206.2261.

WHS Writing Lab

We are excited to introduce the WHS Writing Center! This program is for ALL 9th through 12th-grade students. The WHS Writing Center is open for student appointments.
The Writing Center is located in the LRC, left of the main desk. It will be staffed by an English teacher from 7:30-8:15 in the morning and from 3:30-4:30 in the afternoon Wednesdays and Thursdays.
Students are also welcome to walk in, though they will be placed behind students with appointments.
The Writing Lab is a great place for students to get help with the following areas:
- College application letters
- Scholarship essays
- Student essay corrections
- Revisions of writing
- RTI
- Grammar corrections
- Resume assistance
- Any writing assignment, project, or activity

Un a voz para los que no la tienen

Autora, activista, oradora, esposa, madre, y fuerte defensora de la ley de Erin
Pronunciada Mujer del Año 2012 por la revista Glamour
Nombrada como uno de los HÉROES entre nosotros por la revista PEOPLE y una de las quince mujeres del 2014 que cambiaron el mundo

Por favor, únase a nosotros en Woodstock North High School para recibir a nuestra oradora invitada:
Erin Merryn de la ley de Erin
La ley de Erin (Erin’s Law) lleva el nombre de la sobreviviente de asalto sexual infantil, autora, oradora, y activista Erin Merryn, quien es la fundadora y presidente de la ley de Erin. A partir de junio de 2018, la ley de Erin se aprobó en 35 estados.
Para quiénes: Todos los padres y guardianes del Distrito 200
Dónde: En el auditorio de Woodstock North High School
3000 Raffel Road Woodstock, IL
Cuándo: Lunes 25 de febrero de 2019 de 6:00pm-7:00pm
Organizado por el equipo de educadores de padres de Verda Dierzen

Erin Merryn
A Voice for the Voiceless
Author, Activist, Speaker, wife, mother, and force behind Erin’s Law
Glamour Magazine 2012 Woman of the Year
Named by PEOPLE Magazine a HEROES
Among us and one of fifteen women changing the world in 2014.

Please Join us at Woodstock North High School
for Guest Speaker:
Erin Merryn of Erin’s Law
Erin’s Law is named after childhood sexual assault survivor, author, speaker, and activist Erin Merryn, who is the founder and President of Erin’s Law. As of June 2018, Erin’s Law has been passed in 35 states.
Who: All D200 Parents & Guardians
Where: WNHS Auditorium
3000 Raffel Road Woodstock, IL
When: Monday, February 25th, 2019 from 6:00pm-7:00pm
The WHS Fine Arts Departments had an outstanding first semester for 2018-2019. WHS students in band, choir, orchestra and the visual arts have successfully participated in many competitions and shows and we are proud of their awards and success in these competitions.

The orchestra students put on some well received concerts in December! They combined with the McHenry Youth Orchestra and performed at the Raue Center in Crystal Lake with talented guest vocalist Allan Glassman and Roosevelt College orchestral director Emanuele Andrizzi. We later combined with the choir program and put on the first Collage Winter Concert. We are looking forward to our March concert as we will have had the opportunity to work with composer Larry Moore on some of his compositions and be premiering a piece written for and dedicated to our friend, Drew Lozowski.

The bands have had quite an eventful and successful first semester. Elisha Gallosa earned admittance into the District VII Honors Band in October. This puts her in the top 5% of musicians in the state of Illinois! We also had 13 students earn admittance into the McHenry County Honor Band, which features the best musicians from McHenry County high schools. Additionally, the Wind Ensemble was accepted for the 4th year in a row to perform at the Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival. The Jazz Ensemble was also accepted for the 4th year in a row to perform at the Mundelein Jazz Invitational and will also be featured at the upcoming D200 Groundhog’s Day Fundraiser.

The WHS Choirs have had an exciting, busy, and successful first semester. The choirs joined the Creekside Middle School choirs at the Homecoming Game, performed in the Premiere Choral Concert in October, Variety Cabaret in November, and the Holiday Collage Concert in December. In November, the Jazz and Bass choirs performed at the Kishwaukee Valley Choral Conference. Students served the community by cleaning up South Street, as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program, and participating in Cans-4-Choir. Throughout December, the Madrigal Singers and Jazz Choir performed at local nursing homes, on the Square, and at many District 200 schools. The Madrigals performed live on the Steve Cochran Show on WGN Radio, alongside pianist Robin Spielberg at the Woodstock Opera House, and concluded the busy holiday season with two performances of the Madrigal Dinner.

WHS choirs are proud to have six students represented in the ILMEA District VII Honor Choir, and four students represented in the ILMEA All-State Honors Choir (Ashlynn Drach, Maggie Griffin, Max Lisowski, and Tom Spukas). We look forward to taking a trip to perform in Italy (Rome, Florence, Assisi, and Venice) during Spring Break. Visit our Facebook Page (Woodstock High School Choirs) to learn more about performances and events this semester.

In the visual arts, over 80 students participated in the District 200 Art Show. Coralyn Topf won Best of Show with her self portrait based upon a famous Courbet artwork. The AP Art History class took a field trip to the Art Institute of Chicago and, on another trip, assisted archeologists on a dig of Native American artifacts at Macktown. 3D art students visited the SOFA Chicago Show at Navy Pier to analyze the amazing art and to see glass making demonstrations. In March, art students will visit the Museum of Contemporary Art. Upcoming in April, WHS visual arts will be taking part in the KRC Art Show at Woodstock Public Library, and our final show will be the D200 Spring show in May. If you are interested in keeping up with some of our students’ art join us on Instagram at @WHSBLUESTREAKART.

Woodstock High School has been selected by NAEP, National Assessment of Educational Progress (often called The Nation’s Report Card), to have a select group of seniors take that national assessment. NAEP is a congressionally mandated project administered by the National Center for Education Statistics. NAEP is given to a representative sample of students across the country. Results are reported for groups of students with similar characteristics (e.g., gender, race and ethnicity, school location), not individual students. National results are available for all subjects assessed by NAEP. State and selected urban district results are available for mathematics, reading, and (in some assessment years) science and writing.

For more information regarding the NAEP testing process, please CLICK HERE.
In the know >>>>

With vaping and the use of e-cigarettes on the rise across the country, this information might help to create dialogue with your student at home to learn more about the harmful effects of these products on teenagers.

** truth initiative **

**E-CIGARETTES**

E-cigarettes operate by heating a liquid solution to produce an inhalable aerosol.

They are less toxic than cigarettes, but still contain harmful chemicals.

At least 60 cancer-causing components are in e-cigarettes, and more are in the aerosol they produce.

E-cigarettes are now the most popular tobacco product among youth.

E-cigarettes are rapidly evolving. The new high-nicotine product JUUL has become so popular with youth that it captured 68% of the e-cigarette market in 2 years.

Visit our Athletic Calendar for more info!

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**Upcoming Events:**

2/2  Varsity Wrestling IHSA Regional @ Harvard

2/2  Girls Varsity Bowling IHSA Regional @ 9:15 am at Liberty Lanes, Carpentersville

2/7  Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Marengo @ 7:00 pm at Home

2/9  Boys Varsity Swimming FVC Invite @ 11:00 am at WNHS

2/11 Girls Varsity Basketball IHSA Regional @ Home

2/15 Boys Varsity Basketball vs. WNHS @ 7:00 pm at Home (Senior Night, HOF)

2/21 Spring Player/Parent Code Meeting @ 6:30 pm in the WHS Auditorium
**Mission:**
Woodstock High School’s mission is to create rigorous and relevant educational experiences so learners become purposeful and engaged members of our diverse society.

**Vision:**
The vision of our school is to be better than we were yesterday; to strive for and expect excellence; to make our school a place where everyone learns without limits; to be the best our country has to offer; to be true Blue Streaks.

**Blue Streak Expectations:**

- We collaborate as a community of students, staff, parents, and alumni to achieve academic success and personal growth for all.
- We uphold high standards of achievement and encourage all Blue Streaks to work to the best of their ability.
- Teachers are passionate about learning and address the needs of students.
- We embrace and appreciate diversity.
- Respect, integrity, and dignity are core pillars of our school.
- Blue Streaks are responsible and accountable for their actions and learning.
- We value becoming productive, well-rounded citizens by making wise choices.
- We provide a safe, inviting environment for learning and working.
- We demonstrate positive attitudes, virtuous character, and strong ethics.
- Blue Streaks support and encourage one another to be actively involved in extracurricular activities.

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**Calendar of Future Events >>>**

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