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### The WSD Needs Your Input to Help Shape the Next Five-Year Plan



The WSD is seeking input from all stakeholders – students, parents, employees and community members – to help shape the District’s next five-year Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). Take a moment to view [Dr. Cain’s invitation to participate](#) in the CSIP process.

The District has scheduled three community engagement meetings called Guiding Principles for our Schools (GPS), to help inform stakeholders and provide a platform for feedback to set positive goals, define priorities and determine standards for the students and schools in the WSD.



January 3, 2019

### Thank You to Our District eNews Sponsor



For more information about Central Methodist University, click their logo above. Their sponsorship helps support WSD activities.

### Connect to the WSD



The first GPS meeting was held on November 27 and the focus was Teaching and Learning. Approximately 75 people attended that meeting which was streamed live on the WSD Facebook page for those who couldn't attend in person. You can [view the PowerPoint Presentation](#) shared in the meeting on the WSD website.

Please consider attending the remaining meetings, which will both be held at 7 p.m. at Timberland High School:

**January 15 – Finances, Facilities, and Staffing**

**February 12 – Community, Culture, and Safety & Security**

## The WSD Selects Kaci Lueking of Wabash Elementary as District Teacher of the Year



Kaci Lueking, a first grade teacher at Wabash Elementary School, has been selected as the Wentzville School District Teacher of the Year for 2018-2019. This year's winner is presented by WSD marketing partner Central Methodist University. Candidates are judged on their ability to inspire and educate students of all backgrounds and abilities, as well as their ability to lead and inspire their colleagues. "As I sat there listening to all the names (of the other WSD Teachers of the Year) being read, I felt so fortunate just to be sitting there with them," Lueking shared following the announcement at the Board of Education meeting on December 20.

As the winner of the District Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Lueking is now eligible to compete at the regional and state level in the Missouri Teacher of the Year program, which is conducted annually by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in conjunction with the National Teacher of the Year program.

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## Duello's Laura Parn Named Exemplary New Principal



### Upcoming Dates

**Jan. 3**

Classes Resume

**Jan. 9, 5-8 p.m.**

Special Board Meeting  
Administrative Center

**Jan. 14**

Late Start Day

**Jan. 15, 7 - 9 p.m.**

Guiding Principles for our  
Schools (GPS) Meeting -  
Timberland High School

**Jan. 17, 7 p.m.**

Board of Education Meeting -  
Administrative Center

**Jan. 18**

No Classes - PD Day

**Jan. 21**

No Classes - Dr. Martin Luther  
King Jr. Day

**Feb. 6, 5 - 8 p.m.**

(Tentative) Special Board  
Meeting

**Feb. 11**

Late Start Grades K-12

**Feb. 12, 7 p.m.**

Guiding Principles for our  
Schools (GPS) Meeting -  
Timberland High School

### Helpful Parent Links





Laura Parn, Principal at Duello Elementary, has been named Exemplary New Principal by the St. Louis Suburban Elementary Principals Association. This is Parn's second year as a principal at Duello. Previously, she served as an assistant principal in the WSD at Boone Trail Elementary and Green Tree Elementary and taught prior to that at Peine Ridge Elementary. Parn was named a Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund teacher in 2007 and, based on her classroom work at Peine Ridge, she received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in 2012. Watch the video and click "read more" for more information.



### WMS & Holt Band Instructor Receives Missouri 2019 Outstanding Young Educator Award



Jacob England, Band Teacher at Wentzville Middle School and Holt High School, has been chosen as the recipient of the Missouri Music Educators Association (MMEA) 2019 Outstanding Young Educator Award. Nominees for this prestigious award were solicited from across the state and voted on by MMEA officers. The award is presented annually to an outstanding young music educator who has shown extraordinary promise, diligence and success.

"We are so proud of Mr. England for receiving this honor. He is an exceptional member of our team," shared WMS Principal Dr. Kelly Mantz. "He is dedicated to his craft and to



### Stay Tuned to WSD



WSD is showcasing the outstanding stories happening across the District on its very own YouTube Channel! Subscribe today to not miss out!

### Recent Videos from the WSD:

#### Wentzville Middle Students Deliver Necessities to Veterans at Salvation Army



#### WSD Building Teachers of the Year



#### Faces of the WSD - Clayvon Wesley, Wentzville Middle

our students, who are both challenged and inspired by his love of music."

[Read More](#)

## WSD Holiday Assistance Program Wraps Up



**THANK YOU WSD COMMUNITY!** Each year in December, the WSD Holiday Assistance Program helps to provide gifts for students whose families are in need. This year, over 380 families and 1,012 WSD students

received gifts in the coordinated effort. Some schools participated in the District's traditional "Adopt-a-Family" program while others partnered with area churches to hold "Christmas Shops" for WSD families. In addition, the District's Community Relations Department and school counselors work with Saints Joachim & Ann Care Services and Love in the Name of Christ (LINC) to coordinate efforts and ensure there is no overlap of services in order to extend resources and reach the most possible families who need assistance.

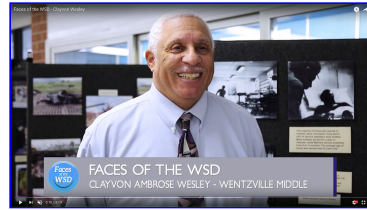
The Wentzville School District would like to extend special thanks to the following for their contributions in the holiday effort to assist District families:

Morning Star Church  
 Wentzville United Methodist Church  
 Calvary Church  
 The Way Church  
 Wentzville NEA  
 Love in The Name of Christ (LINC)  
 Lear Corporation  
 Air Evac Lifeteam  
 Allianz  
 Saints Joachim & Ann Care Services  
 Wentzville Walmart  
 Lake Saint Louis Ambassadors

All of our countless student groups who adopted families too!

Additionally, we would like to thank our school counselors for the many hours they invest in this program each year, as well as all the WSD employees, families and individuals whose kindness and generosity make this all possible!

## Dr. Cain Holiday Message



[Watch more WSD Videos on WSD YouTube](#)



The WSD Film Festival will take place on April 2, 2019, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Holt High School. This film contest is open to all grade levels, and is completely student-driven. Mark your calendars and support your local film makers! Find updates on Twitter @WSDFilmFestival.

## Join the WSD Finance Committee



Would you like to learn more about District finances? For instance, where does District revenue come from? How is the tax rate calculated? What is the largest District



Dr. Curtis Cain, Superintendent of the Wentzville School District, offers his holiday wishes to the community on behalf of the entire District. The message was recorded in the classroom of WSD Teacher of the Year Kaci Lueking of Wabash Elementary. [Watch it on WSD YouTube.](#)  
#WSDcommunity

## WSD Board of Education Has Open Seats in April 2 Election



The Wentzville School District Board of Education will have two open seats in the April 2, 2019 election. Each Board position is a three-year term. Filing opened on December 11 and closes Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. Qualified applicants must file in person during business hours at the Wentzville School District's Administrative Center, 280 Interstate Drive, Wentzville, MO. For more information about running for the WSD Board of Education, [visit the District website](#), or contact Kim Farris at 327-3800, ext. 20323.  
#GrowingTogether

## WSD Film Festival - April 2

expenditure?

These are just a few of the items the Finance Committee will analyze. The committee will also work to answer any questions you may have about school finance. There will be two or three meetings throughout the school year.

If you are interested in being involved, please contact [Pat Jolley](#) in the WSD Finance Department.

## Work for the WSD!



It is the goal of the Human Resources department to attract, hire, and retain the best trained, most highly qualified, and effective staff to ensure high levels of achievement by all our students.

We are a service-oriented organization that strives to treat everyone with respect, honesty, and professional integrity and dedicate ourselves to the highest levels of service and support to all employees, administration, and the Board of Education.

If you are seeking employment with the District, click on the picture above for a list of current opportunities and application processes.

We are in particular need of substitute teachers and the rate of pay was just increased to \$100/day for regular subs and \$110/day for long-term subs. Visit the WSD website



District committees have been making preparations for the highly anticipated WSD Film Festival on April 2, where students across the WSD hope their media skills will “be scene” by the community. Submissions will start being accepted soon, and will be accepted until March 2, 2019. You might want to encourage your students to take advantage of this opportunity to show off their media skills. Follow [@wsdfilmfestival](#) on Twitter for updates. Watch the promo video below on YouTube created by the awesome students at Timberland. And use #BeSceneWSD when talking about it on social media.



**Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration and Scholarship Opportunities**

for more information.

Questions may be directed to [humanresources@wsdr4.org](mailto:humanresources@wsdr4.org)



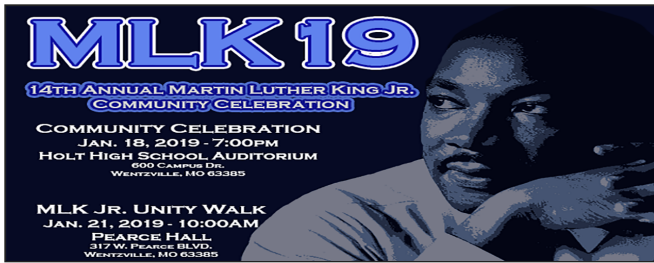
**Have You Downloaded the WSD App?**



Are you new to the WSD? Be sure to download the app to have important information right at your fingertips. The app is available for both android devices and iPhones.



**Board Meeting Report**



This year's Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship opportunities are now available for students. As part of this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Unity celebration taking place at Holt High School on Jan. 18, 2019, at 7:00pm, we will be awarding three scholarships with a minimum value of \$500 - one each in the areas of writing, art, and leadership. [Check the WSD website](#) for more information on the scholarships.

The due date for these scholarships is Jan. 15, 2019.

Please feel free to email [Dr. Jacob Adams](#) if you have any questions or concerns. Read the attached information sheet for more specific scholarship requirements.

### Pearce Hall's Dr. Ben Hebison Earns St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce Inspire Award



The Western St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce recently named their Inspire Award winner for December - Pearce Hall Director Dr. Ben Hebison. Dr. Hebison was honored by the Chamber in a surprise

ceremony (at least it was a surprise to him!). The Chamber was glad to hear from him and be able to acknowledge his work and efforts. [Watch the presentation](#) on the Western St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

### Student 360 App Update



This is a friendly reminder to parents to update their Student 360 App to ensure you are getting the most updated features! To update Student 360 Mobile, visit your device's app store and locate the app. If your phone

or tablet accepts automatic updates, you may already have the updated version. The most recent update was December, so please update yours if you haven't in the past 30 days.

### Chromebook Repair Class Video



The Board of Education meeting on Dec. 20 featured the announcement of this year's District Teacher of the Year, District Audit Results, and other District business. For more info, click the Board Meeting Report thumbnail above. Board Meeting Reports can also be found on the WSD website under About our District/Board of Education.

### 2018-19 Late Start Supervision



The next Late Start is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019. The supervision for students in grades K-6 is \$10 per child for each late start day. This service is separate from Chautauqua and only for students NOT already enrolled in the Chautauqua Before School Program.

Late starts provide valuable collaboration time for our teachers across the District and yet we understand these days can be a challenge for working parents especially. The supervision option was established to assist those parents who need it. Additional information about late start



Students at WSD high schools now have the opportunity to take a class quickly becoming known as Chromebook Repair Class (or CSI Chrome Lab). As the WSD has moved toward a one-to-one student-to-device ratio, basic troubleshooting with the devices is now being taken on by a select group of students at each school as part of a technology class. This is the type of experiential learning that not just gives students hands-on learning in fixing the devices, but also customer service experience in conferring with their clients and returning the fixed devices. Through an authentic technology service center at our high schools, this course allows students to develop and apply technical knowledge and soft skills. Soft skills include communication, customer service, problem solving, decision making, time management and working on a team. Students can pursue a technology certification in a self-paced environment to immediately prepare them for a career or complete school-based technology projects. [Watch the video](#) on WSD YouTube.

## Job Shadowing Opportunity



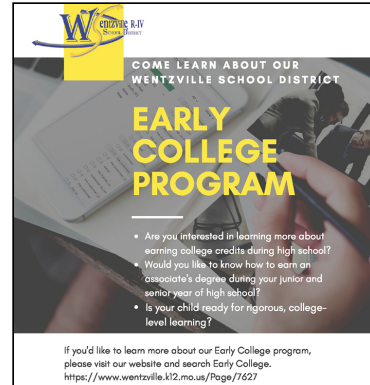
Are you interested in experiencing your possible future with a job shadowing experience? If your answer is yes, please complete the following by January 28, 2019, to be considered for a job shadow in April 2019!

1) Download, print, get your parents to sign, scan, and upload the forms linked below to [this registration webpage](#). You can also pick up these forms in the counseling office. Please see the counseling office if you need help scanning. (Please note that the upload needs to be performed by the student through their WSD account.)

•[Parent Permission Form](#)

supervision for students in grades K-6, as well as the link to pay via PayPal can be found on the District website.

## WSD Early College Program



Attention, sophomore parents! The WSD Early College Program allows students to begin work toward or to fully complete an associate's degree through St. Charles Community College at a discounted tuition rate. Courses are specifically sequenced and students must enroll in all courses within a sequence. All fall and spring courses take place on campus within the WSD and are taught by District teachers. Summer classes are taken on campus at St. Charles Community College. For more information about our Early College Program, please visit the Early College section of our District website.

## WSD Inclement Weather/School Closing Information



[•Parental Transportation Form](#)

[•Photo Release Form](#)

2) Read this [information document](#).

If you are approved for a job shadow, you will be given a link to find and register for the job shadow of your choice. This link will come to you on your WSD email account between January 28 and February 1, 2019.

Please contact [Dr. Karen Hill](#) with any questions.

## Holt Senior Begins DECA Marketing Project in Hope to Help his District



Holt High School senior Jacob Teater, who was elected as the Missouri DECA District 6 Vice President for the 2018-19 school year this fall, has chosen the WSD Child Nutrition Services for his project in the DECA marketing competition this year. More specifically, he has chosen to use his marketing skills to increase participation in paid lunches at Wabash Elementary. Working with WSD Assistant Director of Child Nutrition, Gwen Doyle, Jake has surveyed students at Wabash to get a better sense of their likes and dislikes, eating habits, and demographics. Jake and his project partner, junior Mackenzie Rutherford, recently presented a handful of marketing ideas to the WSD Child Nutrition Services office for approval. Once approved, Jake and Mackenzie will begin implementing the ideas and track participation/sales throughout the process. Doyle said, "It is exciting for us to be able to give Jake and the DECA club this opportunity to present a project that has real-life implications in a business endeavor. They will immediately know if their marketing strategies have worked and be able to analyze each one to see where they need to make tweaks. Jake has already expressed interest in looking at other schools as well, I told him that if he gets results from any of his strategies that we will be implementing them at all locations." Keep up the great work, Jake and Mackenzie! #WSDleads #WSDlearns



Timely communication with our District families is always a priority, but especially important in inclement weather/ emergency school closing situations. Please be sure to notify the school office about any change in your personal contact information. [Visit the WSD website](#) for complete Inclement Weather/School Closing Information.

## WSD NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

[View the policy on the WSD Website.](#)

## Amazing Shake at Peine Ridge



Peine Ridge participated in the Amazing Shake Competition, a contest created by the Ron Clark Academy, to educate students about the purpose of professional and social

interactions while emphasizing on displaying manners, discipline and respect. As a result, students gain the skills needed to present themselves for opportunities today and in the future.

All grades participated in the first round which entailed providing a strong First Impression. The second round was a Mini-Gauntlet, where the top 27 students had to participate in several activities



to test their Je Ne Sais Quoi (the "it" factor) and Adaptability. The top four students will participate in a districtwide competition against Stone Creek Elementary.

## Amazing Shake at Stone Creek



Students at Stone Creek Elementary are learning the importance of eye contact, a strong handshake, and a polite greeting as part of a competition for fifth graders. Members of the community assisted in the Amazing Shake on December 17, including Wentzville Mayor Nick Guccione, Wentzville Police Chief Kurt Frisz, members of the Wentzville Fire Protection District and State Representatives John Wiemann and Justin Hill. These are not soft skills, but instead skills that students will use for the rest of their lives, and we thank our community members for helping to shape their future!

## Timberland Students Shine on LUTV Show "Millennial Media"



Special thanks to Lindenwood University and their "Millennial Media" crew for showcasing our Timberland broadcasting students this fall. Lindenwood has invited our District's media and fine arts students to share their impressive work on the university's "Millennial Media" show on Lindenwood University LUTV throughout the school year. Broadcasting is one of our course offerings this year available to students at all three WSD high schools, and this not only highlights work being done in the schools, but also gives students a chance to participate in a professional-quality broadcast in a higher education setting. "Millennial Media" and other LUTV shows can also be seen on Charter-Spectrum cable in St. Charles County (Channel 989), AT&T U-Verse (Channel 99) and on Lindenwood's website (<http://www.lindenwood.edu/lutv/>). You can also [watch on WSD YouTube](#). Keep up the great work, Wolves! #WSDLearns

## WSD Librarians Featured in Article



The outstanding work of WSD Librarians Kelly Oliva (Liberty High) and Brooke Brockman (Wentzville Middle) was the topic of a recent article in Knowledge Quest, the Journal of the American Association of School Librarians. The article's author specifically mentions being inspired by Oliva's workshop at a recent state conference, called "It's STEAM-y in the Library." Oliva and Brockman teamed up and decided to host monthly STEAM challenges. Having set goals each month still offered freedom of choice to students, and gave a space for creativity and passion, but gave them a direction to go in. This made for more engagement from students in STEAM at each library. Google Hangouts with Mystery Guests, Tweet-Sized Horror Stories (where students wrote horror stories no longer than 280 characters), and the Great Thanksgiving Listen (where students used an app to interview an elder of theirs) are just some of the amazing STEAM challenges that were hosted in these libraries. The

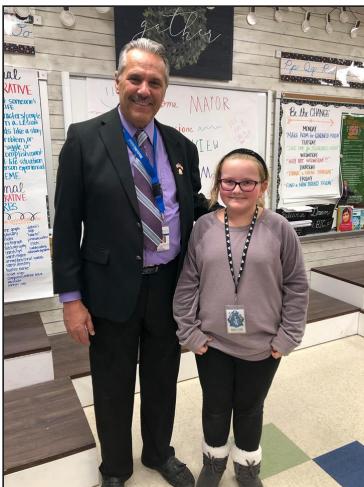
author highly recommends adapting these stellar librarians' ideas, showing that WSD librarians are not just inspiring our students, but other educators as well. Read the full article [here on the Knowledge Quest website](#).

## New WSD High School



In December, 2018, the WSD Board of Education approved hiring Wright Construction to build the District's new high school in the amount of \$74.6 million. The Board also approved Karrenbrock Construction to perform the work outlined in the Site Package in the amount of \$1.7 million. The new high school, which was approved by voters last April as part of Proposition E, will be built on land the District owns near the intersection of N. Point Prairie and West Meyer Road in Wentzville. It is scheduled to open for the 2021-22 school year.

## Wentzville Mayor Visits Lakeview to Answer Students' Questions



Ellen Eikel's fifth grade class at Lakeview Elementary had a special visitor on December 5. Mrs. Eikel's class was researching how people use natural resources, as well as how some people abuse those resources. The class was exploring conservation solutions to many of our current and future problems related to those natural resources. One student,

Alexis Stroud, took the lesson a step further. Intrigued by the concepts discussed in class, she went home and spent her weekend investigating new recycling procedures that Wentzville and surrounding cities recently began following. Then Alexis took the lesson another step forward. She wrote a letter to Wentzville Mayor Nick Guccione, asking him about the city's new recycling procedures. The mayor responded by stopping by the class to not just thank Alexis for her letter, but to also address her inquiries. Mrs. Eikel's class may be

learning about the environmental challenges we face, but Alexis reminds us all that solutions aren't found by just wondering why or complaining about how we don't have answers. Solutions are found by action, and that's what she took. And her leadership certainly impressed a city leader enough to visit her class. Way to go, Alexis!

### Liberty Freshman Reaches Debate Quarterfinals



At first thought, one would think that the Speech and Debate club at Liberty High School is the place for organized arguing. But what about solidarity? At the recent Pattonville Speech and Debate tournament, one of the larger competitions in St. Louis, Liberty's team rallied around freshman Sanjana Anand as she advanced to the quarterfinals of the highly

contested Lincoln Douglas Debate. Sanjana found herself in the midst of 42 competitors, and few won three rounds as she did. According to advisor Mandy Franke, Sanjana's attitude throughout the entire tournament was, "I just want to learn something ... I'm OK if I don't win a single round." Well, she won three. As she reached the quarterfinals, her team (six other Liberty students attended) gathered around her to help her prepare, and then all sat in her round as a unit of solidarity to show her their support. Speech and Debate is a club where students can develop communication skills, as well as confidence, and provides an opportunity for students to learn about and discuss real-world issues and current events that are important to them. As this squad experienced at their recent competition, they can also learn valuable lessons on how to be part of a true team. #WSDleads #WSDlearns

### Holt Students Compete in WorldQuest



Holt students Palmer Soberg, Heath Bana, Amelia Truong, Aidan May, Nathan Hoenig, Ethan Dunsworth, Brian Faintich,

Charlie Bennett, and Macy Steber competed at the 17th Annual World Affairs Council of St. Louis High School WorldQuest competition. The Holt team competed against over 120 students from 33 schools from across the region at the St. Louis competition on November 29 and took 4th place! The three-hour competition includes seven rounds of questions about world affairs, foreign policy, geography and current events. #WSDproud

## Holt and Timberland Band Students Selected for UMSL Honor Band



Several junior students from Holt and Timberland High Schools participated in the UMSL Junior Honor Band on December 5, after being nominated by band directors. These honor ensemble members spent the day working and rehearsing with University of Missouri-Saint Louis' Director of Bands, Mr. Gary Brandes, and the applied UMSL faculty. And in the evening, the students gave a concert in conjunction with the UMSL Wind Ensemble, in the Lee Theater of the Touhill Performing Arts Center, which was open to the public.

The students from Timberland who participated were:

Hallie Youker, flute  
Lily Fisher, clarinet  
Brianna Dotson, clarinet  
Olivia Barnard, alto saxophone  
Josh Gary, trumpet  
Duncan Skinner, trombone  
Lily Himmel, tuba  
Thomas Knehans, tuba

The students from Holt who participated were:

Sydney Andell - flute  
Madeline Jennings - clarinet  
Bryan Besselman - bassoon  
Cora Sverdrup - tenor saxophone  
Miranda Schmidt - French horn  
Aiden Mason - trumpet  
Alex Myer - trumpet

Erin Davidson - trombone  
Grace Markel - percussion

## Timberland Students Selected for SIUE Honor Band Festival



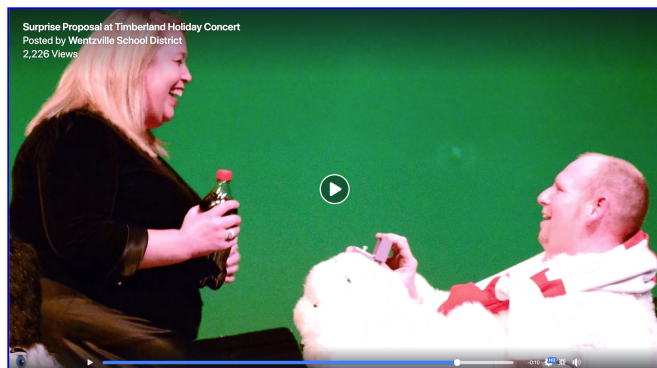
Timberland High School had seven students selected by SIUE Director of Bands Dr. John Bell to participate in the SIUE Bi-State Honor Band Festival, which will occur on January 18 and 19, 2019. Over 350 students

were nominated from a combined 44 schools throughout Missouri and Illinois. The students will audition on January 18 and will be placed in one of three festival bands. They will spend a day and a half with a guest conductor and perform a concert on the evening of January 19. The festival is almost like a masterclass with Darrin Davis, Director of Bands from nationally acclaimed Broken Arrow High School in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and this year's guest conductor.

The seven students selected are:

Sydney Kissel, flute  
Hallie Youker, flute  
Lily Fisher, clarinet  
Brianna Dotson, clarinet  
Nate Beattie, alto saxophone  
Drew Schulz, horn  
Jace Nielsen, percussion

## Surprise Proposal at Timberland Holiday Concert



Schools across the District hosted holiday concerts that featured our talented musicians and choirs and helped to put many of us in the giving spirit. But at Timberland High School on December 11, a surprise just before the final number caught Band Director Courtney Straine off-guard and filled the hearts of all who witnessed it. Congratulations to Ms. Straine and her new fiancé Sam! #WSDfamily

## Holt Students Learning German Sing Carols in German to Staff



Before the Break, students in Mrs. Serna's German classes at Holt High School sang carols in German as part of their semester exam and to the delight of the school's front office staff. This video depicts her PreAP German 2 class with Everett Curry playing his ukelele. Mrs. Serna shared that her regular German 2 class had a guitarist, a flutist, and two trumpet players. #WSDlearns