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Two WSD Educators Win Presidential Award



Terri Politte, an assistant principal at Boone Trail Elementary, and Stacey Wade, an eighth grade math teacher at Frontier Middle School, have both won the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The White House made the announcement October 15 for 2017 and 2018 recipients. The award is the highest recognition that a K-12 mathematics or science teacher can receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. Wade won the 2017 award for her work as a math teacher at Frontier, where she has worked since the school opened in 2005. Politte won for 2018 based on her work as a sixth grade math teacher at Duello Elementary, where she worked prior to being named an administrator at Boone Trail last year.



Revised 2020-2021 Academic Calendar

Wentzville School District 2020-2021 Academic Calendar

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If school is closed or cancelled due to inclement weather, the day must be made up. If there are no school closings or cancellations due to inclement weather, classes will not be in session on make up days.

	First Day of School		Holiday
	No Classes		Finals - Early Release 9-12
	Early Release		P/T Conf. PK-8
	Late Start		P/T Conf. 9-12

	K-12	Q1	Q2	S1	Q3	Q4	S2	Total
Term	10/20	1/15	1/15	3/19	6/3	6/3		
#Days K-12	39	48	87	41	47	88		175

The Board of Education has approved a revised calendar for the 2020-2021 school year based on a new state law that requires public schools to start no earlier than 14 days prior to the first Monday in September. The calendar committee reconvened to revise the calendar (which was originally approved in February) based on the new mandate, and the Board approved the calendar at their regular meeting on October 17. The first day of school for the District next year is now August 24, 2020 and the last day is dependent on any inclement weather days, but at this time is scheduled for June 3, 2021. Please replace any previous calendars you may have downloaded or printed with this new revised calendar. Late starts are not indicated on the calendar, because those have yet to be determined and will be added to the calendar later this year.

Kaci Lueking Selected for Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award



Kaci Lueking, a first grade teacher at Wabash Elementary School, has received the 2019 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. She joins an elite group of teachers from across the St. Louis metropolitan area to be recognized for their outstanding and innovative work in the classroom on behalf of students.

Mrs. Lueking has worked for the WSD since 2015 and was named both the Wabash Elementary and District Teacher of the Year for 2018-2019. Mrs. Lueking's principal at Wabash, Mr. Matt Schulte, shared that Kaci is a model educator who is dedicated, passionate, caring, and focused on student growth who is also a leader in professional learning. "The Wabash community is fortunate to have Kaci on our team and I can't think of a better ambassador for the Wentzville School District," said Schulte.

Lueking will be honored along with other area recipients at an awards ceremony and reception at the Ritz-Carlton in Clayton on November 17. This is the 30th annual recognition of educators by Emerson, which has its world headquarters in St. Louis, as part of its commitment to promote quality education throughout our community.

Drive for the WSD!



The WSD is currently seeking bus drivers. This is a great opportunity for semi-retired, fully-retired or just someone who needs a full-time, consistent job. Both full-time and substitute opportunities are available. The WSD will train new hires to get their CDL, and trainees are paid the base driver salary while they learn. Please consider that applicants should enjoy working with children and have a clean driving record. For more information on driver responsibilities, you can contact the Transportation Department at ext. 25321; and for more information about the hiring process, please contact the Human Resources Department at ext. 20351. [Watch the video](#) to learn more about driving in the WSD!

2019 WSD Fifth Grade Camp Experience



Fifth Grade Camp experiences wrapped up this month for WSD students. More than 1,400 fifth graders visited Broemmelsiek Park and Quail Ridge Park over the last month to experience hands-on curriculum in the great outdoors. WSD teachers and camp counselors also provided social and character-building challenges where students gained valuable life skills. Overall, students had two full days of adventure and outdoor learning opportunities. Camp is more than just a fun couple of days at the park; all camp activities meet District and state curriculum objectives. Naturally, it was truly a great time outdoors. [Watch highlights](#) of all the fun learning on this video!

Boone Trail Elementary Celebrates 29th Annual Boone Trail Days



Students at Boone Trail Elementary had an opportunity to participate in a long-held tradition that dates back to the opening of their school. Boone Trail Days is a chance for students to learn what life was like for Americans who lived in the 1800s. The 29th annual celebration occurred indoors on October 10, due to the steady rain that morning, but still provided plenty of opportunities for students to take part in hands-on activities like making rope and butter, and spinning wool. They also enjoyed demonstrations on pioneer life, like blacksmithing, and learned about local history such as the Daniel Boone Trail.

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Fifth Annual Districtwide Homecoming Parade



The fifth annual [Districtwide Homecoming Parade](#) was last weekend and – despite the chilly weather – lots of folks turned out to support our students. Our high school student councils do an amazing job of working together and organizing this community event, which has quickly turned into a WSD tradition. Timberland had its homecoming football game on October 4 when they lost to Liberty 3-14; Liberty played its homecoming game on October 11 when they defeated Fort Zumwalt South 42-7; and Holt had its homecoming game on October 18 when they lost to Francis Howell 55-14. Thank you to everyone who helps to make homecoming special in the WSD!

WSD Students Honored with Glory of Missouri Awards



Fifteen WSD students have been named recipients of the 2019 Glory of Missouri Award by State Representatives Bryan Spencer, Bart Korman and Justin Hill. The Glory of Missouri Awards were created to recognize students who display virtuous qualities both as students and as citizens. Each student honored represents one of the virtues of good government engraved on the walls of the House Chamber. The virtues include knowledge, liberty, equality, law, justice, fraternity, education, progress, honor, truth, virtue, temperance, enterprise and charity.

- Rebecca Broder, South Middle School (Charity)
- Brock Eyster, Timberland High School (Enterprise)
- Markel King and Austin Niskas, Timberland High School (Fraternity)
- Grant O'Leary, Holt High School, and Cassandra Lueck, Timberland High School (Honor)
- Joseph Weinhardt, Timberland High School (Justice)
- Nicholas Stephens, Timberland High School (Knowledge)
- Olivia Dahle and Joshua Talluto, Timberland High School (Liberty)
- Davin Gammill and Derek Pimmel, Holt High School (Progress)
- Tre'Shane Stutts, Holt High School, (Temperance)
- Aidan O'Leary, Holt High School, and Abigail Kirchner, Timberland High School (Truth)

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Operation Warm 2019

Last weekend our friends in the Wentzville Fire Protection District [distributed hundreds of coats to WSD students in need](#). This was the seventh annual coat distribution made possible by the WFPD's Community Outreach Program and Operation Warm. "We are so grateful for this partnership year after year with our local firefighters to support our students," said WSD Chief Communications Officer Mary LaPak. "Wentzville firefighters work hard to not only protect and help educate our community, but their generous outreach efforts directly impact our students who need it most and we are extremely grateful for their kindness and support." Since 2013, the WFPD has supplied over 4,000 coats for WSD students through Operation Warm. #♥oftheWSD



Dates to Remember

October 23, 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences, Grades Pre-K through 6

October 23, 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences, Grades 7-8

October 24

No Classes (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

October 24, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences, Grades Pre-K through 8

October 25

No Classes

October 28

Late Start Day
Grades K-12

November 1

No Classes

Professional Development Day

November 11
Late Start Day
Grades K-12

November 27-29
No Classes
Thanksgiving Break



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Late Start Information

The next Late Start is scheduled for Monday, October 28. The supervision for students in Grades K-6 is \$10 per child for each late start day. This is separate from our Before Care Program through 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 supervision for students in Grades K-6, as well as the link to pay via PayPal can be [found on the District website](#).



Liberty Student Performs Eagle Scout Project for Frontier Middle

Only 4% of all members of the Boy Scouts of America earn their Eagle Scout badge, by demonstrating Scout Spirit—based upon the Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. Scouts are encouraged to find an extensive project that exhibits these qualities, and some make that project more personal than others. Liberty High School student James Morrison (pictured in the red shirt) chose to revamp his old middle school’s outdoor classroom, cleaning out old materials and overall making the place much nicer.

Morrison is a member of Troop 984, and joined the Scouts in first grade. A leader of his pack, he’s been a Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and has been his troop’s quartermaster over the past several years. When Morrison heard from his younger sister that Frontier Middle was interested in rebuilding their outdoor classroom, he jumped at the opportunity. “I wanted to give back to the school district that had provided so many opportunities to me, and this was one of the best ways I could do that,” he said. “I’ve always been driven by the memory of my grandfather, as well as working toward an achievement that very few people

ever complete. I've always liked being challenged, and working toward my Eagle is one of the greatest challenges I can undertake." #WSDproud



National Fire Prevention Week

A big THANK YOU to the Wentzville Fire Protection District for visiting all our elementary schools to talk with our kindergarten and 2nd graders about fire prevention this month. Our little learners look forward to your visit and are now well equipped with information about staying safe in the event of a fire. The WSD appreciates all our friends at the WFPD who help to look out for our students and families.



Student Art on Display at SSM Lake St. Louis

Several WSD students had artwork selected to be displayed on the SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital – Lake Saint Louis “The Art of Healing” wall, and on October 17, the hospital held a reception for the artists and their families in the emergency building. SSM Health and the WSD partnered last year to showcase student-created artwork, which rotates several times a year. The gallery includes artwork created by WSD students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Art teachers from each school selected the pieces to represent their building. Teachers also were in attendance to support these young artists, and to enjoy some refreshments and fellowship with families and hospital staff.



All-Suburban Honors Choirs

Congratulations to the 23 WSD students who were selected for the St. Louis All-Suburban Honor Choirs! The Treble Honor Choir Concert will be held at 3:30 p.m., and the Mixed Honor Choir Concert will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Pattonville High School. Selected for the Mixed Honor Choir are, from Holt; James Coogan and Isaiah Golden, from Liberty; Shaina Feinstein, Emily Gann, Michael Gannon, Wesley Nichols, Alyssa Place, Dylan Taylor, and Michelle Yoder, from Timberland; Emma Giltner, Kayla Cologna, Jackson Henman, Kyle Rehme, and Ethan Zabenco. Selected for the Treble Honor Choir are, from Holt; Chloe Bryan, Raegan Huitt, and McKenzie May, from Liberty; Britney Boyer, Emily Grant, Lizzie Kayser, Cassie Tarrant, Mya Waldren, and Anna Wright.

Eleven WSD students are eligible to audition for the All-State Choir: James Coogan and Isaiah Golden (Holt), Emily Gann, Wesley Nichols, Dylan Taylor, and Michelle Yoder (Liberty), and Emma Giltner, Kayla Cologna, Jackson Henman, Kyle Rehme, and Ethan Zabenco (Timberland).



Happy Cards Company Started at Duello Elementary

There's a new program to help kids develop work skills at Duello Elementary, work that is meant to brighten peoples' days, called "Happy Cards." Students in the Stepping Stones program started the company, where they collect used paper from other classrooms and then recycle it into new paper to make cards, bookmarks, and other fun items. These items are then displayed in the teacher's lounge to be purchased by making a donation. "We are hoping to use the money to get a new type of therapy for our classroom (such as the boxing therapy Pearce Hall's Anabranh program has)," said Jamie Strain, the teacher for the Stepping Stones program. We are also taking custom orders for cards and other paper items. Just wanted to share this because I am so proud of our kids and how hard they are working on it." Watch the budding [company's commercial](#) on YouTube.



WSD Bands Compete at Marching Band Festivals

On Saturday, October 5, the Liberty Eagle Regiment took 6th place in their division at the Ozarko Marching Festival at Missouri State University in Springfield, MO. The Holt Marching Indians competed at the Blue Springs Golden Regiment Invitational in Blue Springs, MO, and placed 11th overall for the day.

The Holt and Timberland bands competed at the 8th Annual Fort Zumwalt North River City Showcase on Saturday, October 12. The Timberland Marching Wolves took 2nd place in Class 6 in preliminary competition, and placed 4th overall in the finals! The Holt Marching Indians took 8th place in Class 6 in the preliminary competition, and 9th place overall in the finals.

On Friday, October 18, Holt and Timberland marching bands performed at the Bands of America 2019 St. Louis Super Regional Championship at the Dome at America's Center. The Timberland Marching Wolves placed 15th in Class AAA and 34th overall, and the Holt Marching Indians placed 16th in Class AAA and 35th overall. The Bands of America marching band competitions are the premier events for marching bands in the nation, and the St. Louis Super Regional Championship drew 69 bands from 12 states.

The Liberty Eagle Regiment competed at the Mizzou Champion of Champions Marching Band Festival at the University of Missouri - Columbia on Saturday, October 19, and earned their highest score of the season (74.28) at the event, which was their last marching band competition of the season.

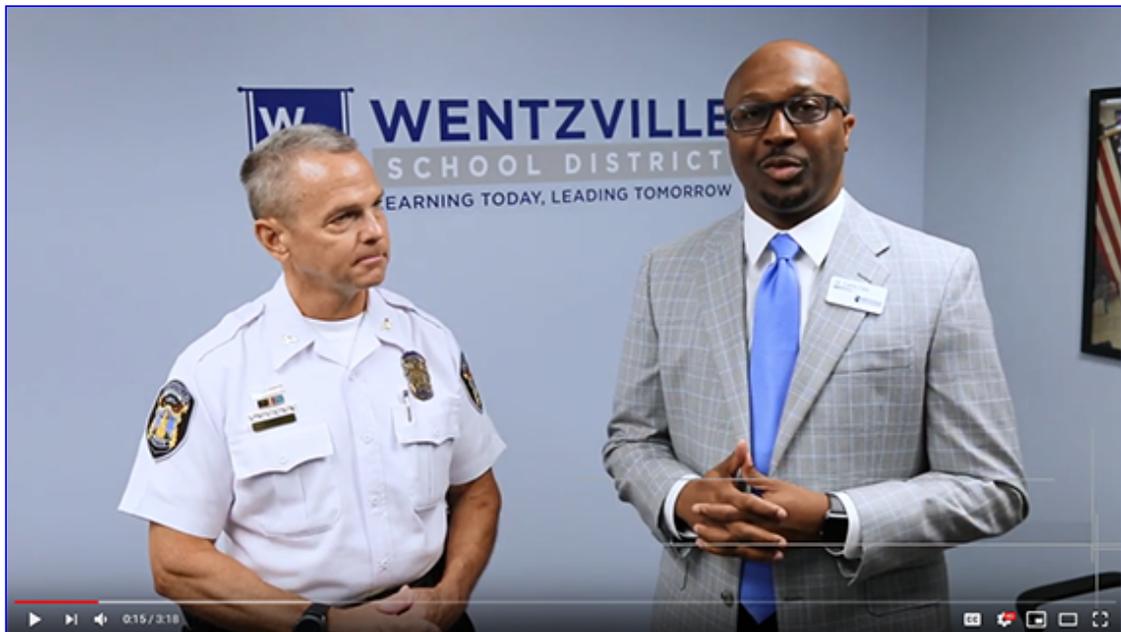
Congratulations to all three WSD bands for their fine performances!

Recent Videos from the WSD

Rock Your School in the WSD 2019



Dr. Cain & Chief Frisz Message



Portrait of a WSD Learner



Frontier Middle Staff Cook and Serve at Ronald McDonald House

Tracy Schulteis and her co-workers at Frontier Middle School cooked and served a meal at the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) in St. Louis this month. Tracy has volunteered at the RMH for many years, and last year she recruited several of her co-workers to join her. They jumped at the chance to serve, volunteering every two to three months. "We chose RMH because we are all parents and are blessed to have healthy children," shared Tracy. "We cannot begin to understand what these families are going through, but we know how comforting a home cooked meal is. We love to hear the stories of the families and offer our prayers and support. We always share with them that we are Wentzville Proud and let them know we bring much love from the WSD."



WSD FACS Teachers Learn Modern Farming Techniques

On a District professional development day in late September, WSD Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Teachers from Holt High School (Lori Krug, Ruby Rahn) and Liberty High School (Sandy Pizzo, Sarah Genenbacher) monopolized their time by volunteering at EarthDance Organic Farm School. They had taken students there earlier in the week, but returned to learn more. The farm focuses on sustainable farming and provides produce to area farmers' markets, farm to table restaurants and CSAs. Teachers learned about companion gardening, pollination habitats and regenerative farming practices for food sources. They were given a tour, then put to work—mulching and got their hands dirty weeding blackberry beds. Additionally, they got to speak with "CheFarmer" Matthew Raiford. They then joined Cherie Boren (FACS teacher at Timberland High) and a St. Charles County health inspector to gain some firsthand industry knowledge

when teaching about food safety to students, helping connect industry experience back to the classroom for WSD students.



Great Shakeout 2019

Students all around the world took part in the Great Shakeout Earthquake Drills on October 17. WSD elementary schools, including Prairie View Elementary (pictured) joined in to improve their earthquake safety and preparedness. Participants simultaneously practice the recommended drop, cover and hold-on response during an earthquake. The Great ShakeOut creates the sense of urgency that is necessary for people, organizations, and communities to be prepared, to practice what to do to be safe, and to learn what preparatory plans need to be improved. Student safety is always a top priority in the WSD, and this drill is a teachable moment for our students!

Timberland Theatre Presents



Little Shop of Horrors

Music by:

Alan Menken

Book and Lyrics by:

Howard Ashman

Carl E Reininger Theatre

\$6 Adults \$5 Students

Based on the film by Roger Corman, Screenplay by Charles Griffin, Originally Produced by the WPA Theatre (Kyle Renick, Producing director), Originally produced by at the Orphen Theatre, New York City By the WPA Theatre, David Geffen, Cameron MAckintosh and the Shubert Organization

Little Shop Of Horrors

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

THS Theatre Department Presents Little Shop of Horrors

The Timberland High School Theatre Department will present Howard Ashman's "Little Shop of Horrors" on November 7, 8, and 9. This musical comedy will be performed by an all-school cast and crew.

At Mushnik's Florist Shop, meek floral assistant Seymour (Kyle Rehme) buys and nourishes a Venus flytrap-like plant, which he names for his co-worker Audrey (Hallie Fisher). The plant, Audrey II (Matthew Ehlmann), ultimately grows big enough to devour everything in its path, including Audrey's boyfriend Orin (Lucas Sweeney) and Mushnik (Quentin Simpson). As the play progresses, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and intent towards global domination.

The ensemble cast includes Cecil Bailes, Olivia Barnard, Gus Barnett, Clarissa Bruegenhemke, Riley Clark, Connor Caravaggi, Anna Edwards, Rachel Ferrell, Emma Giltner, Emma Gorton, Anna Kimball, Jay Miles, Ava Panhorst, Nora Pryor, Madelyn Ratcliff, Kassidy Schmidt, Jacob Windham, and Ethan Zabenco.

The play is under the stage management of Carly Bohning, assisted by Alyssa Byington, Brenna Richards, and Katelyn Rushing and crew chiefs Josh Bentley, Anna Bessie, Jonathan Carney, Ian Couch, Sarah Hohenshell, Dan Vehige, Shelby White, and Quinn Zust. The performances will be held at the Carl E. Reininger Theatre on November 7 and 8 at 7:00 p.m., and November 9 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students when purchased in advance; tickets are available at the door for \$8.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students. Tickets are also [available online](#). Senior citizens can purchase half-price tickets at the door.

Holt Link Crew's "Costumes, Pumpkins, and Candy – Oh, MY!"

Holt Link Crew will host Costumes, Pumpkins, and Candy – Oh, My! on Thursday, October 24, at Holt High School from 6:00 - 8:00pm. This free community event is

for children ages preschool through sixth grade (parents too, please) and will feature trick-or-treating, a bounce house, photo booth, and face painting. For more information, please contact [Steve Klos](#).



STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



EMMA ROSEBERRY



BRIAN FAINTICH



KATIE REICHLER



ZACH DOTSON



ZOE SCHULTE



JARRETT WILSON

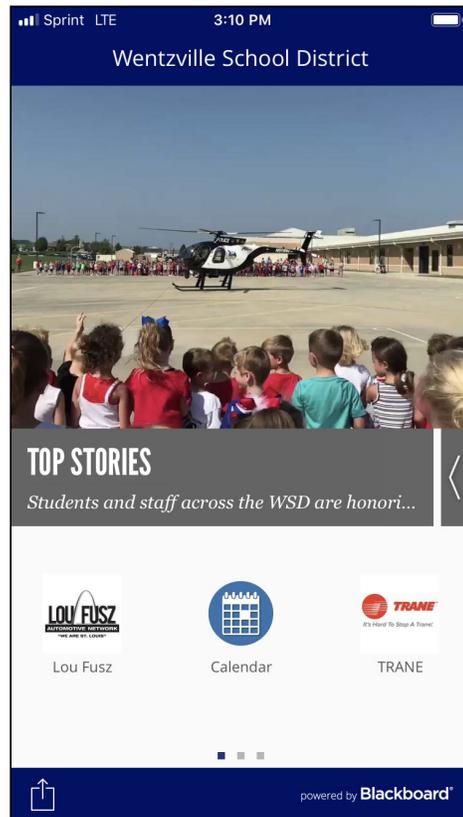
WSD/Lou Fusz Student-Athlete of the Month

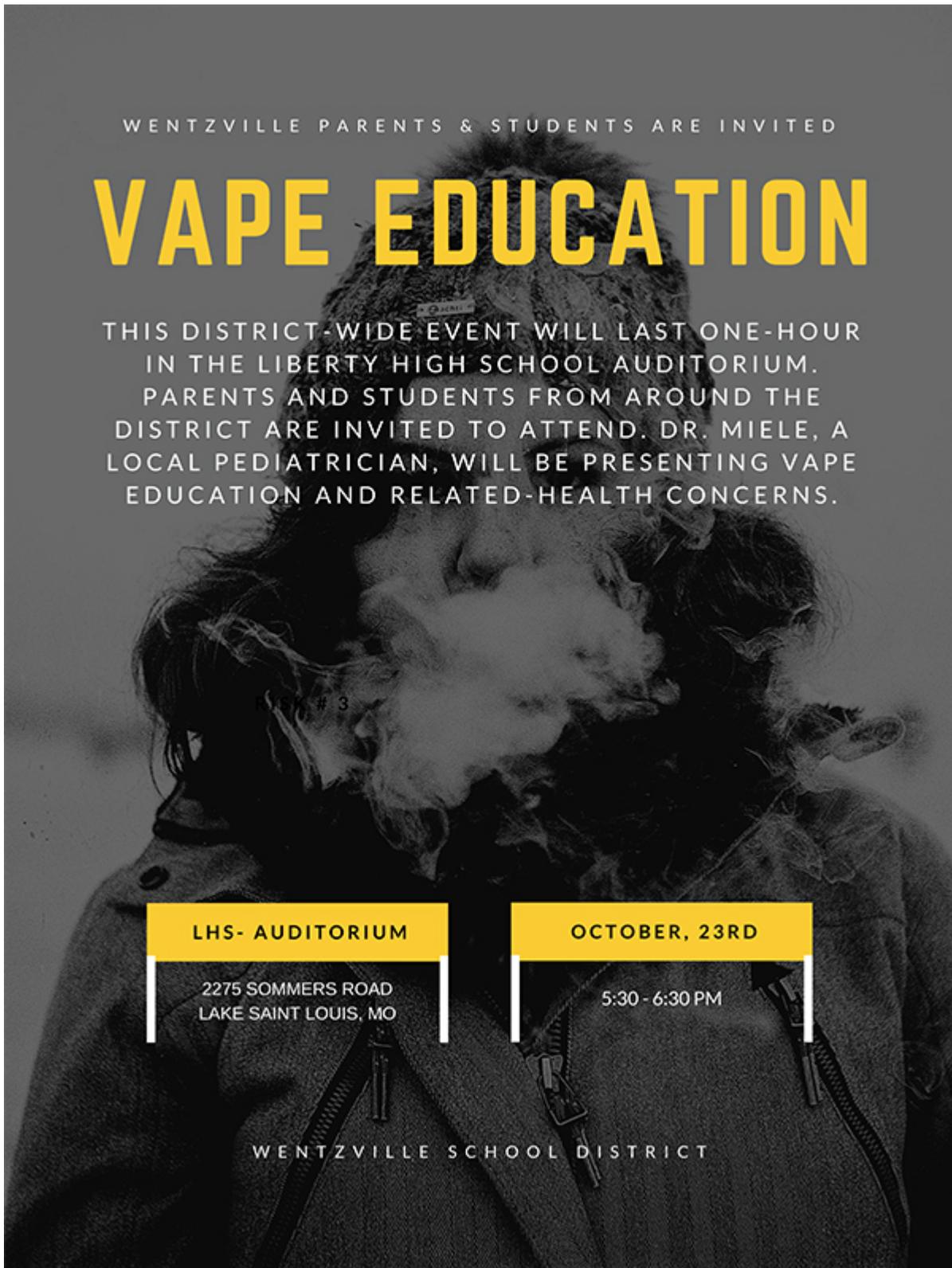
The WSD/Lou Fusz Student-Athlete of the Month aims to recognize varsity student-athletes for their achievements in the classroom, commitment, sportsmanship, and teamwork. These student-athletes were honored for their performances during September 2019. For the full write-ups on these students, visit the [WSD Marketing Webpage](#).

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. On the app, you can:

- View news stories
- View calendar info
- View lunch menus
- Access school and staff info
- Receive important alerts
- View sports scores
- Locate Directory Information





Students and Parents Can Learn More About Vaping

WSD Health Services and Northwest Pediatrics is teaming together to bring important health education information to parents and students on vaping and vaping-related health concerns. This event will take place on October 23 in the Liberty High School Auditorium from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dr. Miele has been a member of Northwest Pediatrics since 2008, after

completing her medical degree at the University of Illinois at Chicago and her residency at St. Louis Children's hospital. There, she earned the Outstanding Resident Award and now participates in the hospital's Continuing Outpatient Practice Experience. Dr. Miele has also been honored with a 2019-20 St. Louis Magazine Best Doctors in America award.

Free Film Screening Invitation



Compass Health
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Are proud to offer a FREE film screening of

“Not my Child”



Date
November 7th

Time:
7:00 pm

Location:
Lindenwood University
Harmon Hall

See reverse for map

This film explores different paths to recovery and looks at the disease of addiction. We hope that by watching this film families will feel more equipped to address substance use in their children, foster more open conversations surrounding substance use and find hope that recovery is possible.

Seating is limited, register at compasshealthnetwork.org/upcoming-events/



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