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October 4, 2019

**Thank You to Our District eNews Sponsor:**



**Timberland Student Named National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalist**



The WSD is proud to announce that Timberland senior Logan Brenningmeyer has been selected as a semifinalist in the 65th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Semifinalists represent less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors, and have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million. Eight more WSD students earned Commended Student status, as well.

Brenningmeyer has a GPA of 4.47 and earned a composite score of 35 on the ACT. He has attended Missouri Scholars Academy, Missouri Boys State, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Brenningmeyer also works well within a team, as a member of the school band in his freshman and sophomore years, DECA his junior and senior years, and he has played for the tennis team through all four years. Brenningmeyer has an interest in graphic design, enjoys video games, and he is starting a clothing company with a friend in his spare time. An avid music lover, as well, he plays the saxophone and piano, and is currently learning the guitar. Brenningmeyer is applying to Northwestern and The University of Chicago, and is considering studying business or computer science.

The WSD had several students reach National Merit Commended designation, and they'll receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. Some of these students will become candidates for special scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses. Those students are Sean Oswald from Timberland High School; Rodney Jenkins, Madeline Jennings, Amaya Kopp, Hannah Reeb, and Cora Sverdrup from Holt High School; and Alexis Bentley and Nawal Cheema from Liberty High School. For [additional information](#) about these Commended Students, please visit the WSD Website.



## WSD Hires Principal for New Elementary School



The WSD has named Dr. Candice Belton as the principal for the new elementary school, opening next fall for the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Belton is currently serving as an assistant principal at Boone Trail Elementary, after coming to the WSD in 2017 from the Hazelwood School District, and has over 15 years of teaching and administrative experience. The new school is being constructed on Interstate Drive off South Point Prairie Road in Wentzville.

Since starting with the District, Dr. Belton has been a member of the CSIP Steering Committee, the Flexible Learning Cohort, and she is currently participating in the Missouri Leadership Development System. Dr. Belton has her doctoral degree in Teacher Leadership from Maryville University, her master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from UMSL.

"I am so honored to have the opportunity to serve as the lead learner as we open our newest elementary school," said Belton. "My commitment to this community began over 30 years ago when I was a student in the Wentzville School District. I have always known the WSD to be a community that is committed to working together to meet the needs of all students. There is value in the power and commitment of a team. I look forward to working with students, parents, staff and community members to create an environment that embraces the academic and social/emotional growth of each child, one that embodies a sense of belonging, grows passions and fosters innovation."

[Read More](#)

## Second Letter to Parents – ASIRT Training

Dear WSD Parents and Guardians,

In our efforts to be vigilant and proactive with regard to school safety, we provided options-based Active Intruder Training for all employees in the Wentzville School District during August and September. This is a continuation of the training timeline based on recommendations from our School Safety Committee.

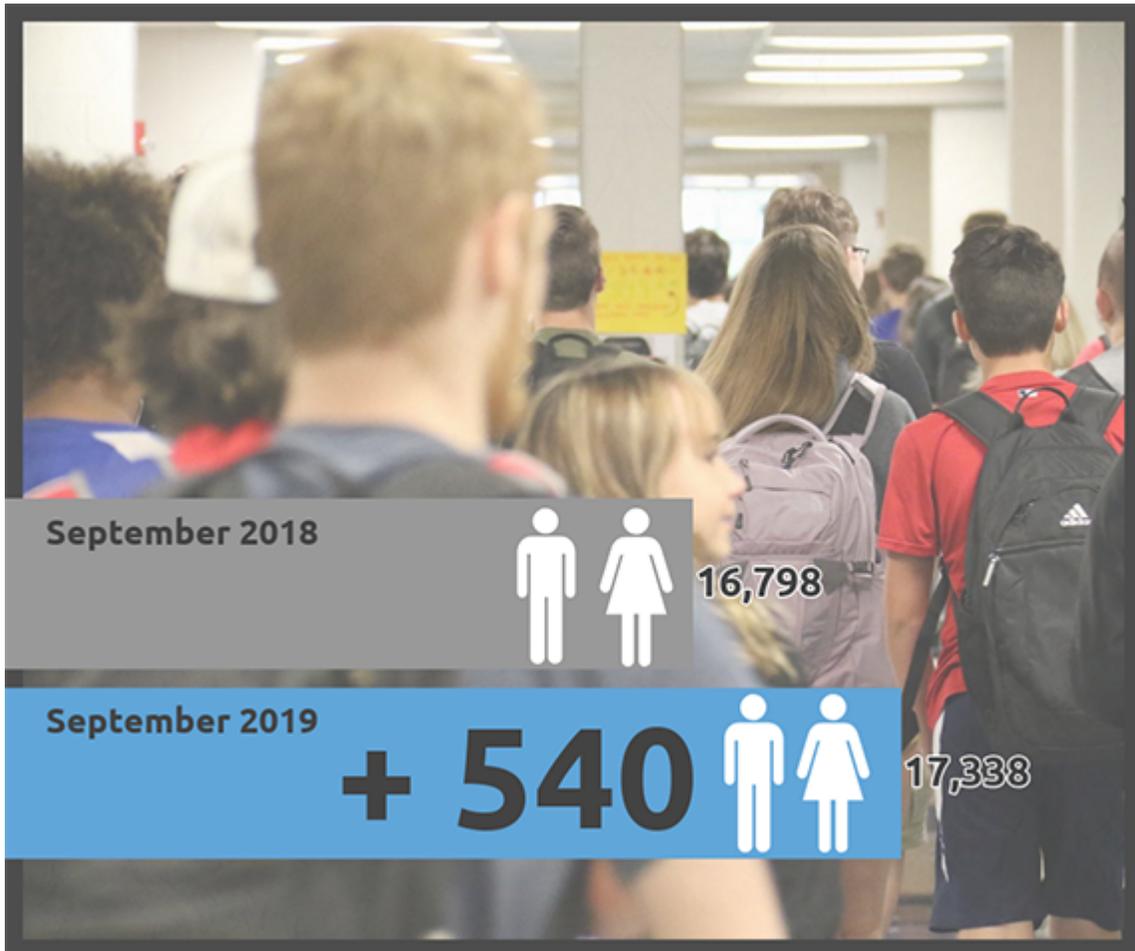
The District has a team of certified trainers who have been trained by Tier One Tactical Solutions to provide the instruction, which includes protocols based on recommendations from the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. These agencies recommend that all school districts teach staff and students options (education, evade, escape and engage) that may be available to them in an intruder situation. Last spring, our school nurses provided first aid training for all employees as well. Our timeline does include training for students from October through May this school year. WSD staff will lead discussions with all students. Students in preK-2 will discuss “educate, evade, and escape” while students in grades 3-12 will also discuss what it means to “engage.” [Tips for Parents](#) provides more detail about the 4E program as well as frequently asked questions.



Additional recommendations by the School Safety Committee that have already been implemented in our schools include: posted information in all rooms to help first responders quickly identify locations, and contact information next to all phones for how to reach emergency personnel, school resource officers and the school nurse.

We will continue to work closely with our local law enforcement agencies to stay abreast of the latest recommendations as it relates to active intruder situations. Please be assured that the Wentzville School District has the safety and welfare of our students in mind at all times. We will work together to make sure that our procedures for preventing and dealing with dangerous situations such as an intruder are as effective as possible, and that our children are protected. The more we work together with students, parents, staff, community members and law enforcement, the stronger and safer we are as a community.

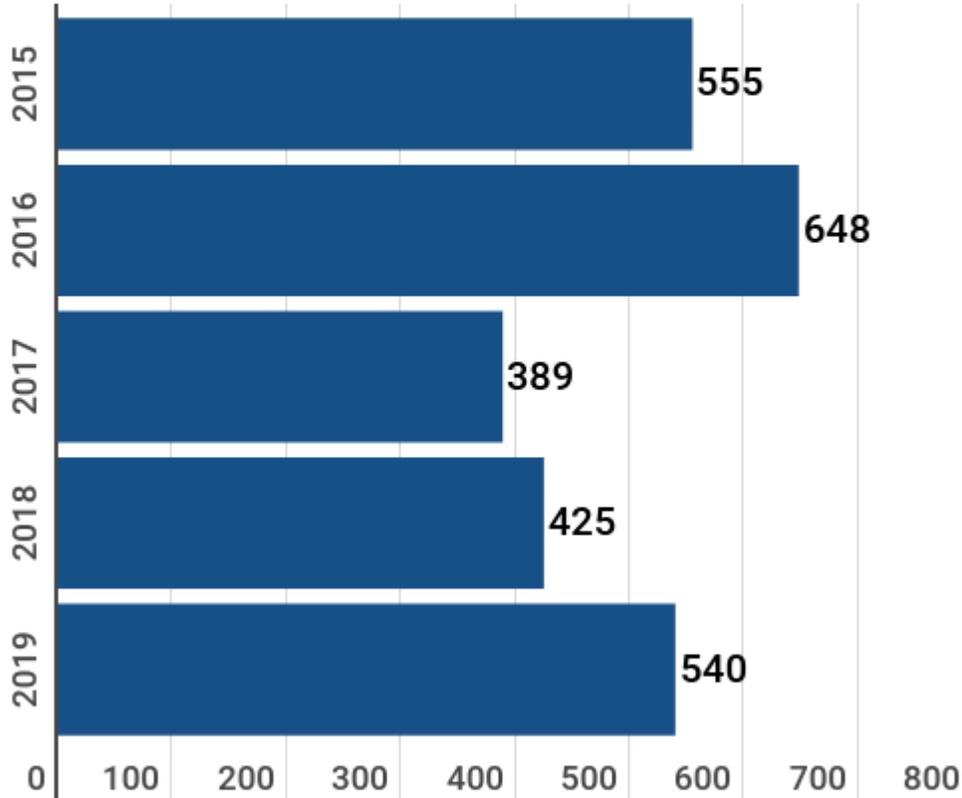
## District Enrollment Continues to Grow



The official September enrollment count is in, and the Wentzville School District has added 540 new students since last year! In many districts, that is the size of an entire school, and in fact, more than the total enrollment of over 270 Missouri school DISTRICTS. Enrollment now stands at 17,338 students, and we are still the fastest growing school district in Missouri in the 21st century. We are also the ninth largest school district in the State. Do you know what's truly amazing? **DESPITE OUR GROWTH**, our students continue to excel in and out of the classroom **AND** we have the lowest ADA cost (per pupil spending) in the County. Kudos to our amazing teachers and students for keeping the focus on learning!

# Annual Enrollment Increase

This represents the total number of students added each year over the last five years in the Wentzville School District.



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Rock Your School in the WSD 2019



Teachers and administrators are forever seeking ways to motivate their students in the classroom and, overall, persuade them that school is a place they want to be. "Rock Your School" is one of those ways that staff at Green Tree Elementary, Lakeview Elementary, Peine Ridge Elementary, and Stone Creek Elementary are trying to create a welcoming, engaging place to learn for students. Thousands of educators across the globe took part in "Rock Your School" on September 19, to show everyone that learning doesn't have to be boring. School can be a place that kids can't wait to get back to, and these schools are creating the kind of rocking atmosphere to promote success for all students. [Watch the video](#) on WSD YouTube.

## WSD Students Plant Pinwheels for Peace



Members of the Timberland High School Art Club planted almost 2,000 pinwheels around the exterior of their school in recognition of International Day of Peace. The pinwheels were created by Timberland students, staff and families in conjunction with “Pinwheels for Peace,” a project that was initiated in 2005 by two art teachers in Florida as a way for students to express how they felt about what was going on in the world around them. Timberland art students have participated in the project for the past 12 years. Timberland Art Club students work under the instruction of Fine Arts Department Chair Crystal Wing. “Art Club is overwhelmed by the school support in this project,” shared Wing. “Classes have made amazing pinwheels representing peace, and they’ve shared them with siblings and community groups. This project brings everyone together for a message so important to us all.”

Last year, Pinwheels for Peace organizers estimated over 4.5 million pinwheels were displayed worldwide on the same day in multiple countries. “In today’s world, peace needs to be more than just a word,” is the motto shared on [the project website](#).

## International Walk to School Day



Students from Green Tree Elementary and Heritage Primary joined schools around the world to celebrate the 23rd annual International Walk to School Day on October 2. That morning, nearly 100 Heritage Primary students, parents and staff walked safely from Fireman’s Park on West Pearce Boulevard to their school, escorted by officers from the Wentzville Police Department. Then on October 3, a group numbering more than 300 Green Tree students, staff, and families, walked to school from Boulevard Park, escorted by the Lake St. Louis Police Department.

This marks the 10th anniversary for Green Tree partnering with the Lake Saint Louis Police Department to celebrate International Walk to School Day. Lake St. Louis Community Resource and D.A.R.E. Officer Susan Ochs has helped to organize the walk every year and are happy that this event has become a tradition. “This is a great event to bring the community together, build school spirit, and encourage our students to be safe,” Officer Ochs said. “What started out as a Safe Routes to School project has developed into a 10-year partnership between the school, police and community.” [Read the full article](#) on the WSD Website.

## WSD Schools Raise \$73K for AHA



Schools in the WSD raised over \$73,000 last year for the American Heart Association, the sixth-most in the state, thanks to students in nine of its schools who held fundraisers over the course of the school year, including Kids Heart Challenge (formerly known as Jump Rope for Heart), American Heart Challenge (formerly known as Dodgeball for Heart) and Wear Red for Heart. According to the AHA, this means the WSD helped save thousands of lives right in our own area. Funds raised for the AHA go toward research, education and medication to fight heart disease in Missouri. The participating schools also received over \$6,150 in vouchers that they can use to purchase physical education equipment through the program. By participating in the various fundraisers, students learned how to take care of their own hearts, as well as how fulfilling it can be to show your heart in helping others in need.

During the 2018-2019 school year, Discovery Ridge Elementary alone raised over \$21,000 in their Kids Heart Challenge campaign, ranking them in the top 10 of all Kids Heart Challenge campaigns in the state of Missouri, and the highest in the WSD. Their generosity earned nearly \$2,000 worth of PE equipment. Duello Elementary, last year's highest fundraiser, followed close behind with over \$18,000 in donations. Wabash Elementary raised more than \$12,000, with Green Tree, Lakeview, and Prairie View elementary schools all raising over \$5,000. Schools in the WSD have been raising funds for the AHA for more than 20 years. Over the last six years, WSD schools have collectively raised over \$490,000 for the AHA.

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### Dates to Remember

**October 12, 9:30 a.m.**  
WSD Homecoming Parade

**October 14**  
Late Start Day  
Grades K-12

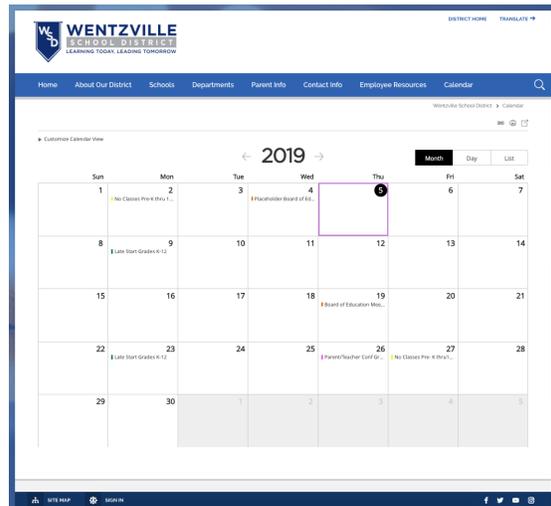
**October 17**  
Board of Education Meeting  
Administrative Center

**October 18**  
Early Release Day  
Grades K-12

**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



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**WSD WENTZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
LEARNING TODAY, LEADING TOMORROW

All District

# HOMECOMING PARADE

Saturday, October 12 9:30 -11:00 a.m.

Pearce Blvd. -Wentzville  
Begin at Campus Drive - End at Luetkenhaus Blvd.

**SCHOOL SPIRIT - Hometown Pride**

**Fun For All!**

- Marching Bands
- School Teams
- Homecoming Courts
- Class & Organization Floats
- Treats for the kids

**Homecoming Race**  
Start Time - 9:15 a.m. beginning at Campus Drive - 1 mile run  
Open to 4-5-6th Grade Students \$10 Entry Fee  
Contact [edjuroitch@wsdr4.org](mailto:edjuroitch@wsdr4.org) for more information or sign up  
Proceeds benefit Cross Country teams and scholarships

**Game Day**

- T** **TIMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL** *Wolves* October 4 - v. Liberty High School "Eagles"
- L** **LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL** *Eagles* October 11 - v. Ft. Zumwalt South "Bull Dogs"
- H** **HOLT HIGH SCHOOL** *Indians* October 18 - v. Francis Howell "Vikings"

*Parade activities organized and hosted by Holt Student Council  
in cooperation with the Student Councils of Liberty and Timberland High Schools*

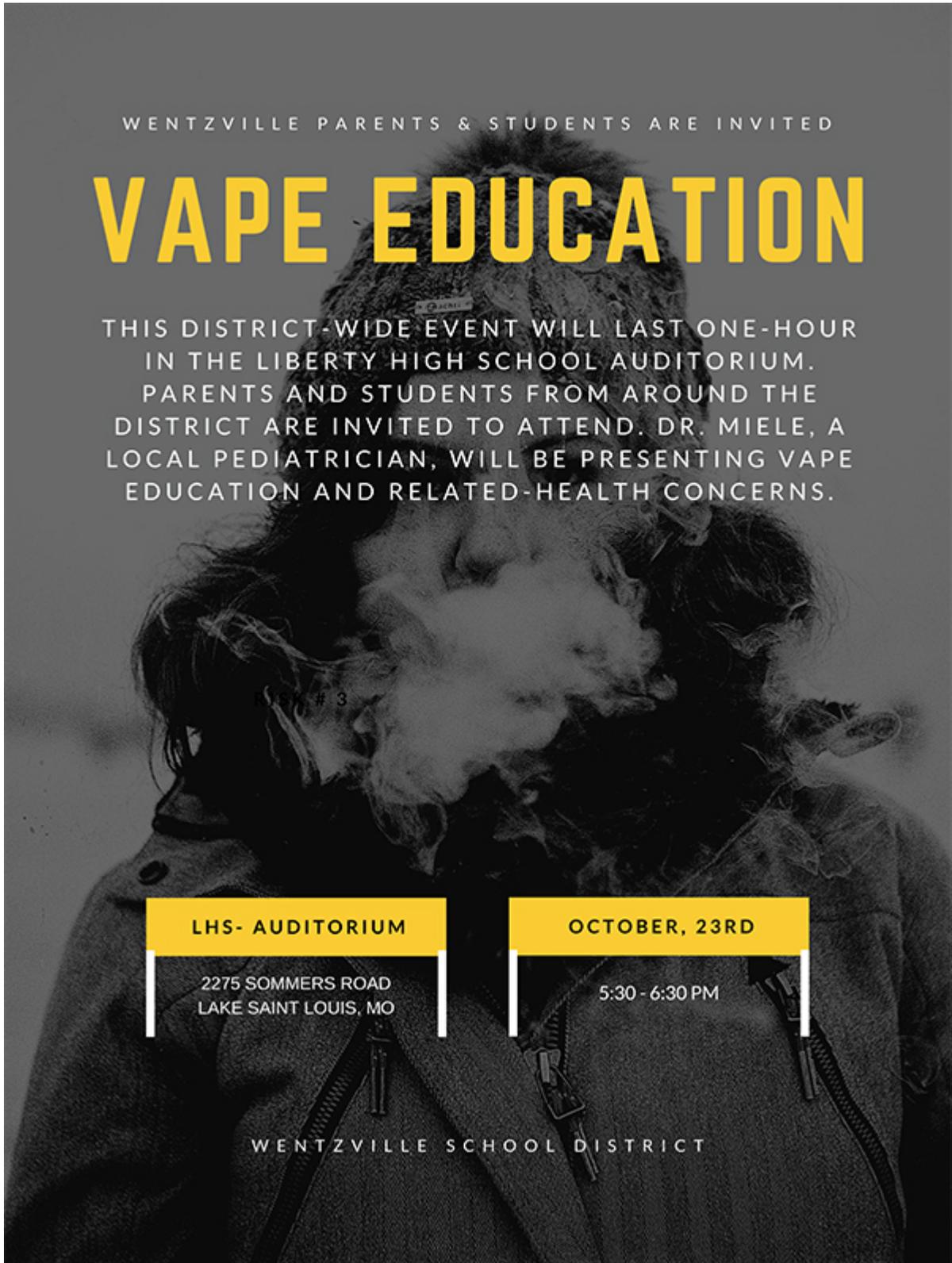
## 2019 WSD Homecoming Parade

The WSD All-District Homecoming Parade is on Saturday, October 12! All the fun begins at 9:30 on Pearce Boulevard (Campus Drive intersection), as students and staff from all three high schools in the District celebrate as one in a parade that leads all the way to Luetkenhaus Boulevard. Come and join in the fun, the bands, the floats, and of course the free treats for the kids!



### 2019 Homecoming Race for WSD Students in Grades 4-6

The 2019 Homecoming Race for WSD students in grades 4-6 will be held Saturday, October 12, with race day registration and pre-registered pickup of shirts and race tags beginning at 9:00 a.m. The one-mile race will start at the Lions Choice parking lot, run in front of the parade, and end at Ash Street and Pearce Blvd. There are separate divisions for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls and boys, with medals given to the top three in each category. T-shirts are guaranteed to all runners who enter by October 4. Extra shirts may be available on race day for late entrants. To [register for the race](#), visit the WSD website.



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2275 SOMMERS ROAD  
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OCTOBER, 23RD

5:30 - 6:30 PM

WENTZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

### 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.



## Liberty Students Make Flag Cases for Veterans

In case you missed it, KSDK News ran a touching story in late September about students in Michael LaBrot's industrial arts class at Liberty High School making flag cases for the families of fallen veterans. See what our students are doing for these cherished community members [on the KSDK website](#).



## Holt High and Wentzville Middle Send Cards and a Video to Student Battling Luekemia

Sullivan “Sulley” Menne is a Holt student who has been battling leukemia for a number of years. His journey has been documented by his family on his facebook page: Sulley's Journey. Staff, students and families from across the District, but particularly Wentzville Middle and Holt where Sulley is a cherished member of the family, have followed his journey. Last week they saw that Sulley had received some discouraging news related to his diagnosis and they rallied the troops and wrapped their arms around him. Assistant Principal Amanda Shelmire and Holt students Allie Doell, Sakyia Johnson and Kaia Fischer paid Sulley a visit at Children’s Hospital to deliver over 70 cards and a video created by Kaia to help Sulley know and feel the support he has from his WSD friends. “Nothing could compare to the smile he had on his face watching his Holt and Wentzville Middle family on the video,” shared Dr. Shelmire. “His courage and strength have been an inspiration to us all!” #SulleyStrong



## Eagle Scout Improves Entrance to Heritage Intermediate

Service and leadership are tenets that every scout wants to exhibit. Collin Hudgens (pictured far right), a senior at Holt High and Life Rank Scout with Boy Scout Troop 853 embodied those qualities with his Eagle Scout Project, by improving a walkway at Heritage Intermediate. Mud had been tracked in on shoes due to the walkway between the Heritage campus playground and the Heritage Intermediate doors not having enough pavement. Hudgens figured that since his father was a bricklayer that this was the perfect project to help others while being able to spend more time with his dad. After months of planning, and garnering approval from the BSA Eagle Board, Hudgens and his crew of helpers added two paver stone semicircles (one on each side) to the existing 15-foot pathway. "Several scouts, leaders, parents and friends came out to help make this happen," Hudgens said. "We first had to dig down about 7.5 inches to make a base. Next, four inches of crushed rock was added and tamped down to ensure there were no air pockets. We then filled in with an inch of sand and laid the paver stones on top. My dad (Don Hudgens) made the cuts to the stones to give it the curved semi-circle look. We finished with putting polymeric sand over the stones and then hosing them off to give it its nice, finished look. I'd like to thank Dr. Kraft for this great opportunity and everyone who came out to help that allowed me to finish my Eagle Project and bring me one step closer to accomplishing my goal of Eagle Scout." Hudgens actually started his scouting career in first grade at Peine Ridge Elementary with Pack 993, but is helping a school in the WSD with a more pressing need; showing us that we are truly one District. Only 4% of all members of the Boy Scouts of America earn their Eagle Scout badge.



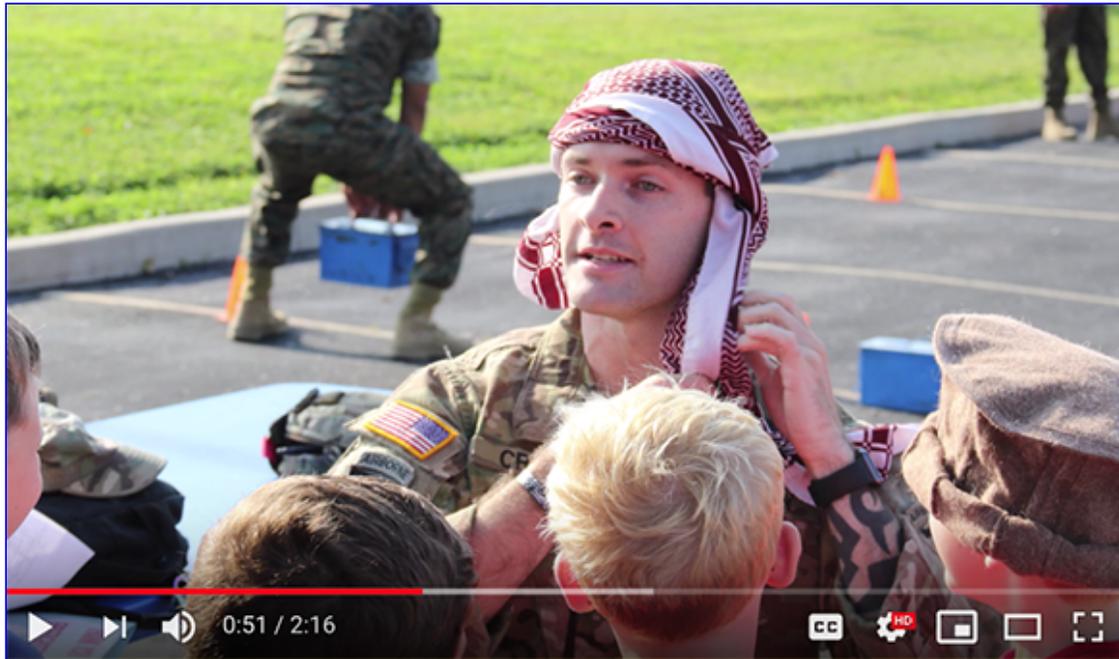
## Late Start Information

The next Late Start is scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2019. 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](#).

## Recent Videos from the WSD

### Patriot Day in the WSD



**Faces of the WSD - Ray Good, Bus Driver Trainer**



**Dr. Cain & Chief Frisz Message**



### Portrait of a WSD Learner





## 24th Annual Turkey Trot Race

The 24th Annual Turkey Trot Race for WSD students in grades 4-6 will be held Tuesday, October 29 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Holt High School soccer field. The one-mile race has separate divisions for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls and boys, with medals given to the top three finishers in each division. T-shirts are guaranteed to all runners who enter by October 18. Extra shirts may be available on race day for late entries. The winner in each division will receive a frozen turkey. To [register for the race](#), visit the WSD website.



### Art by Timberland Seniors Win Awards

Timberland seniors Charlotte Davis and Isabella Tomaszewski displayed their artwork at the 25th Annual MOsaics Missouri Festival for the Arts September 13-15 on North Main Street in St. Charles, and were winners of Joyce Rosen Scholarship Awards at the juried exhibition. Charlotte received 4th Place and a \$100 gift card to Dick Blick Art Supplies for her sculpture, and Isabella received Honorable Mention and a \$50 gift card to Dick Blick Art Supplies for her pen and marker artwork.

Also, seniors Samantha Kuper and Rose Himmel, and junior Jaiden Goff, as well as art teachers Crystal Wing and Greg Holland have artwork on display in the Baue Family Children's Gallery at the Foundry Art Centre in St. Charles as part of the MOsaics Festival. The exhibit at the Foundry is called "Mentor Me" which features artwork from local high school students and their teachers and runs through October 11. The Foundry Arts Centre is located at 520 N. Main Center in St. Charles and is open Tuesday-Thursday 10am-8pm; Friday -Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 12-4pm.



## WSD Bands Compete at Marching Band Festivals

Congratulations to the Timberland Marching Band for being named Grand Champion of the 2019 Music on the Meramec at Fox High School in Arnold, MO on Saturday, September 28! The Marching Wolves also won first place in their class and received Caption Awards for Best Music, Best Visual, and Best Percussion. This year's show is entitled "The Unveiling" and the band is under the direction of Courtney White and Matt Hayes. The Liberty Eagle Regiment also competed at the Music on the Meramec Festival, winning third place in their class, missing second place by 0.2 points! Their show is entitled "A Letter to Mom" and the band is under the direction of Sarita Magno Parsons and Patrick O'Donnell.

On Saturday, September 21, the Holt Marching Indians took 1st place in Class AAA and received the Outstanding Visual Award in preliminary competition, and placed seventh overall in the finals at the KC Championships at Blue Springs South High School in Blue Springs, Missouri. The Timberland Marching Wolves received 4th place in Class AAAA at the Tiger Ambush Classic in Edwardsville, Illinois.

The Liberty Marching Band competed at the Murphysboro Drums at Appletime Festival in Murphysboro, IL on Saturday, September 14. The Liberty Eagle Regiment placed third overall in AAA division, and the Color Guard won the Best Auxiliary Award for the division, earning the highest score of the day among all

the guards who performed.

Congratulations to all three WSD bands for their fine performances! #WSDproud

## Wabash Sixth Grader on KPLR

Every Thursday afternoon, KPLR Chief Meteorologist John Fuller seeks out a local student who's shown an interest in weather. During the last week of September, Wabash sixth grader Collin Phillips answered the call, becoming the KPLR Weather Kid of the Week. "Collin is very interested in the weather and likes to give his family updates," said Anne Phillips, Collin's mother. "He likes to alert people when a storm is coming, and also likes to tell his dad which days are good for fishing." Collin was nominated by his aunt Susie. [Watch his television appearance](#) on the KPLR website.



## Free Film Screening Invitation



Compass Health  
Network



Are proud to offer a FREE film screening of

# “Not my Child”



Date

November 7<sup>th</sup>

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/](https://compasshealthnetwork.org/upcoming-events/)



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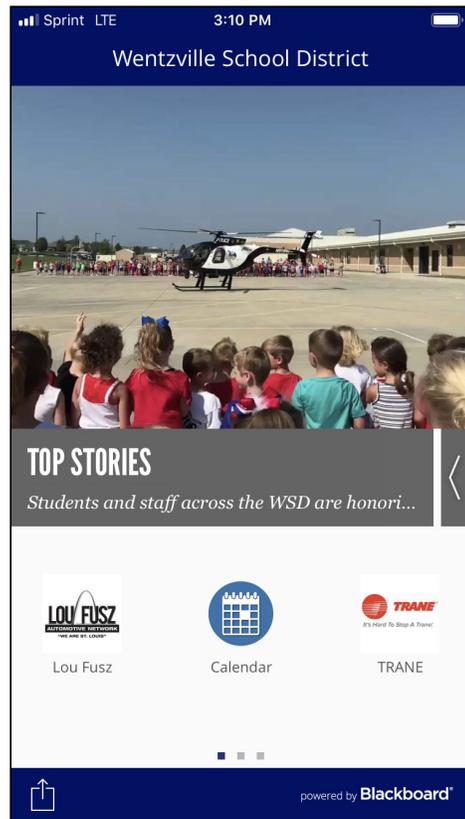


## Have You Downloaded the WSD App?

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



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