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Wentzville School District Celebrates the Class of 2019 with Three Ceremonies



The WSD held three separate high school graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2019 at the Family Arena in St. Charles on Sunday, June 2. More than 1,100 seniors from Holt, Liberty and Timberland high schools walked across the stage to receive their diplomas. This marks the third graduating class from Liberty High School, which opened to freshman in the fall of 2013. The WSD is the fastest growing school district in Missouri in the 21st century, adding hundreds of new students every year since 2000. A fourth District high school is being built in Wentzville to accommodate the continued growth and it is scheduled to open for the 2021-2022 school year.

Collectively, WSD graduates have been awarded over \$20 million in scholarships from institutes of higher learning and over 300 graduates qualified for A+ scholarships to Missouri community colleges or vocational/technical schools. "We are extremely proud of our 2019 graduates and all they have accomplished," said Superintendent Dr. Curtis Cain. "We are confident that they have the foundation and tools they need to prepare them for the next step in each of their individual journeys and that they will continue to excel and make their families, the Wentzville School District and our community proud."

June 21, 2019

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9th Annual WSD Back to School Fair is Aug 3



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WSD Unveils New Logo



The Wentzville School District has unveiled a new logo for the start of the 2019-2020 school year. The logo had not been updated since 2009 and District leadership felt the time was right to update the logo in conjunction with the District's new strategic plan, which was approved by the Board of Education in May. "As we continue to grow and focus on providing cutting-edge opportunities for our students, we wanted a visual representation of excellence for the WSD," said Superintendent Dr. Curtis Cain. "The new logo, coupled with our new five-year plan, defines who we are as a District and our commitment to providing a first-class education for all students."

A variety of logo concepts were designed by WSD Marketing Director Derrick Docket who presented the concepts multiple times over the course of the past school year to District leadership, the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan Committee, and students in the WSD marketing and Center for Advanced Professional Studies programs. The concepts were adjusted based on feedback from those groups before two concepts were shared with the District's 2,400+ employees this spring. Last month, all stakeholders were then invited to weigh in on two final concepts. Over 74 percent of respondents overwhelmingly chose the banner concept which represents excellence and a focus on all students. Specifically, the color blue represents the District's history and is a unifying color for the WSD; silver/gray represents balance and neutrality related to the District's commitment to all students; and the banner represents excellence and high standards.

The new logo will be phased in to minimize cost to the District, explained Mr. Docket to the Board of Education last month. The logo is used primarily in digital spaces, which can be updated immediately at no cost, and items with the logo will only be replaced as needed.



Upcoming Dates

July 18, 7 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting
Administrative Center

August 3, 8 - 11 a.m.

WSD Back to School Fair
Timberland High School

August 13

First Day of School

Helpful Parent Links



“The WSD has a long history of excellence and leadership in education,” shared Chief Communications Officer Mary LaPak. “This was a collective effort and while we embrace our past, we can all take pride in this new visual identity that represents the next phase of excellence for our students.”



Last Day of School 2019



The last day of the WSD 2018-19 school year was a blast! Thanks to all our teachers, support staff, students, and parents who gave it their all this school year. There were plenty of laughs, hugs, smiles ... and tears. Take in the sights and sounds of another bittersweet last school day of the year with [this slideshow video!](#) And thanks to all the parents who submitted their photos!

Boundary Committee Update

The 2019 WSD Boundary Committee met twice in May to begin work on new boundaries for the District. The meetings were facilitated by Dan Schmidt from MGT Consulting Group who has also been hired to conduct the latest demographic study for the District.



The committee, which includes parents, community members, staff representation and a member of the Board of Education, are utilizing the latest demographic data to create new attendance areas for District elementary, middle and high schools. WSD voters approved Proposition E last year, a \$125 million no-tax increase bond issue, which included building a new high school that will open in 2021 and a new elementary school which is scheduled to open for the 2020-2021 school year.

At the last meeting on May 21, Mr. Schmidt presented two scenarios as a starting point for the committee to review for elementary, middle and high school boundaries. The scenarios were organized in a north/south and east/west fashion crafted by MGT to begin the conversation. The

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High School Teachers of the Year



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committee worked in groups to review each scenario and react with their initial impressions as to what they liked and areas that could be improved. All of the feedback was compiled and reviewed and revisions are currently being made to the scenarios based on the committee's work and input. **It is important to note that the scenarios presented at the May meeting were a starting point and they have already been adjusted.** The next Boundary Committee meeting is scheduled for August 27 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the library at Holt High School.

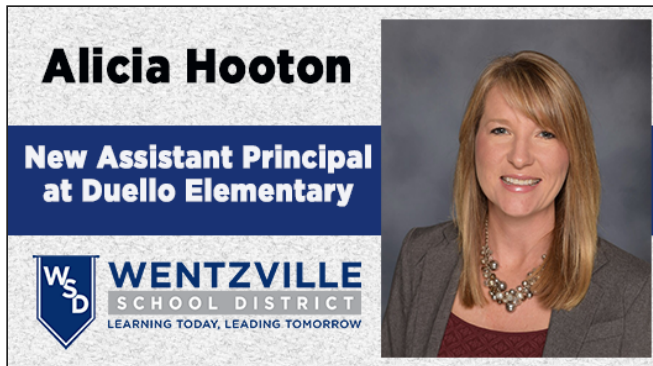
The Boundary Committee meetings are open to the public to observe only; the meetings are work sessions and do not include an opportunity for public comment. However, stakeholders are welcome to email committee members who represent a building with questions or you can email the District at info@wsdr4.org.

This fall, once the committee has landed on a draft boundary scenario, parents, staff, students and community members will have an opportunity to make comments, ask questions and make suggestions through a series of community forum meetings. The Board of Education is scheduled to vote on the new boundaries at the December 19, 2019 meeting.

"We understand changing schools can be difficult and very personal, but it is something we have to address frequently in our District given our growth," said Chief Communications Officer Mary LaPak. "We are confident the Boundary Committee will work within the established criteria and carry out its task with diligence; mindful of the impact new boundaries have on students and families."

For more information, including [Frequently Asked Questions](#), the [Boundary Timeline](#), and the complete list of Boundary Committee members with contact information, visit the [WSD website](#).

New Assistant Principal at Duello Elementary



The Board of Education has approved the hiring of Alicia Hooton as Assistant Principal of Duello Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Hooton, who has served as an



Connections to Success at Pearce Hall



Inaugural District Amazing Shake Competition



Faces of the WSD - Kaci Lueking of Wabash Elementary



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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

administrator in the Fort Zumwalt School District for the past five years, is replacing Dani Todd who was named last month as the new Principal at Duello Elementary beginning July 1. Prior to becoming an administrator, Mrs. Hooton taught fourth and fifth grade for twelve years at Progress South Elementary in the Fort Zumwalt School District. Mrs. Hooton holds an Educational Specialist's degree in Superintendentcy from Missouri Baptist University and Master's degrees in both Educational Administration and Education from Lindenwood University.

WSD Seeks Corporate Sponsors for 9th Annual Back to School Fair



The WSD is seeking Corporate Sponsors for this year's Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 3 at Timberland High School. For \$300, sponsors will receive a table at the event (you may choose location based on availability) and your company logo will be printed on the drawstring bags used to distribute free school supplies that day. Last year, thanks to our sponsors and participating vendors, we distributed over 2,100 bags filled with supplies worth over \$9,600 to WSD students.

[To register as a vendor or Corporate Sponsor for the event, please complete this form.](#) Payment can be made via check, made out to the Wentzville School District or via Paypal using this link: paypal.me/WSDfoundation/300. (If you would like access to electricity, there is an additional cost of \$25 so please use this link: paypal.me/WSDfoundation/325)

We will need your logo by July 3 in order to have the bags printed and delivered in time for the Fair.

The Back to School Fair is open to businesses and community groups as a means to reach our families in one place at one time. It is also intended to help our lower-income families as we distribute thousands of dollars' worth of free school supplies at the event. Last year's event drew over

is the largest District 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 email **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

3,500 people. For additional information about the Fair, please visit the [WSD website](#).

Wentville Firetruck Rides in the WSD 2019



In May, students with the best attendance from kindergarten through fifth grade at each elementary school in the WSD were picked up by the Wentzville Fire Protection District and given a ride in a fire truck to school. It's just another example of how our community bands together to honor dedication and diligence, like these firefighters are doing for these students who've worked so hard to keep their attendance as near to perfect as possible. The students who earned a ride to school were: William Hodai (Boone Trail); Carson Lawrence (Crossroads); Tyler Smith (Discovery Ridge); Dylan Carroll (Duello); Elizabeth King (Green Tree); Joseph Hoehne (Heritage); Easton Winans (Lakeview); Madelyn Niswonger (Peine Ridge); Addyson Long (Prairie View); Peyton Farmer (Stone Creek); and Dmitri Crowley (Wabash).

“Multiple studies indicate that there is a direct correlation between good student attendance and student achievement,” said WSD Chief Communications Officer Mary LaPak. “We appreciate our friends in the WFPD who have continued this tradition of encouraging excellent attendance and rewarding our students at the end of the school year in a very special and memorable way.”

High School Grad Walks at WSD Elementary Schools

During the last two weeks of school, WSD high school seniors took the time to visit their former elementary schools. The teachers and students clapped the soon-to-be graduates out as they paraded through the hallways en route to their next step in education or in their career. Both current and retired teachers seized the opportunity to take their own trip down memory lane and reconnect with former students. Watch the videos to see how the past, present and future came together in celebration of success.

[Liberty High School Grad Walk](#)

subs. Visit the WSD website for more information.

Questions may be directed to humanresources@wsdr4.org



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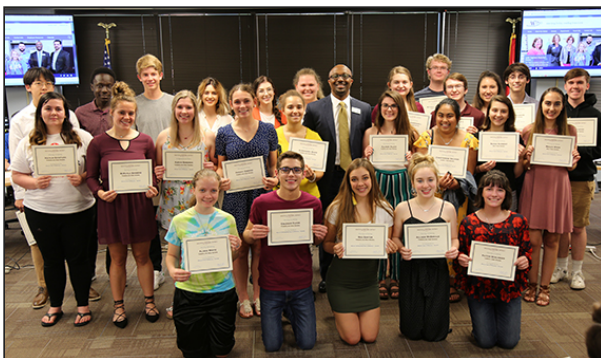
Holt High School Grad Walk



Timberland High School Grad Walk



Students are First in District to Earn the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy



A group of high school students from the WSD has made history for being the first students in the District to earn the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy. The Missouri Seal of Biliteracy recognizes an advanced level of proficiency in English and one or more other world language(s) before high school graduation. The recognition of attaining biliteracy becomes a part of the high school transcript for these students and serves to certify attainment of biliteracy for the community,



The Board of Education meeting on June 20 featured the recognition of state Track & Field champions and Rafay Cheema from Discovery Ridge Elementary for qualifying for the National Mathleague.org Championship for the third consecutive year.

For more information, as well as Superintendent Reports and other matters discussed, 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](#).

Heritage Propane School Days Program



Through the School Days Program, Heritage Propane will give the WSD up to \$2,000 per year to purchase items for any school-related need with funds earned from the School Days Program. Any WSD parent can send their Heritage Propane receipts to school with their child. Community members can drop off or mail their receipts to the WSD Administrative Center. We will submit the receipts and Heritage Propane will total the gallons on the deposited receipts and pay \$0.02 per

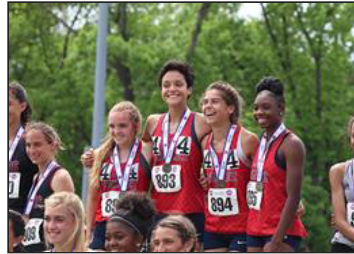
employers, and universities.

Forty-two students from Holt, Liberty and Timberland high schools met the rigorous criteria, which includes multiple assessments and a project, to earn the Seal of Biliteracy. Five of those students also earned the Distinguished Seal of Biliteracy based on their scores, and two students earned dual Seals in two foreign languages. To see the [full list of students who earned this distinction](#), visit the WSD Website.

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WSD Track State Champs

The WSD is proud to announce that six students won first place medals at the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Track and Field Championships held



Saturday, May 25. Liberty High School senior Nolan Bone won first place in the Class 4 State Championship held at Washington High School in the Pole Vault, with a personal record of 15'9". Holt High School freshman Allen Bublitz won first place in the Class 5 State Championship held at Battle High School in the Para Shot Put with a throw of 6'; and Liberty freshmen Allison Kruger, Adrienne Rockette, Karlie Wooten, and Megan Venturella won first place in Class 4 in the 4x800 Meter Relay with a time of 9:32.60, earning the first state championship in Track & Field for Liberty High School, which opened in 2013. Nolan won his event later in the day and he made history as the first male state track and field champion for his school.

The WSD also had the following students receive All-State recognition for their top 10 finishes in their respective events:

Holt High School, Class 5

- Allen Bublitz – second place in 200 M (Para) and second place in 100 M (Para)
- Gracyn Pietrusinski – fourth place in 3200 M

Liberty High School, Class 4

- Bruce Jordan – fifth place in 300 Hurdles and seventh place in 110 Hurdles
- Karlie Wooten – eighth place in the 400 M
- Ally Kruger – second place in 3200 M and fifth place in 1600 M

Timberland High School, Class 5

- Bryce Eaton - fourth place in Discus

gallon, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per year.

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- Bailey Broemmer - fifth place in Javelin with a throw of 125'9" (**new school record*)

Timberland High School Theater Group Wins Three SLHSMT Awards



Timberland High School won three awards at the St. Louis High School Musical Theatre Awards (SLHSMTA), held at the Fabulous Fox Theatre on June 2. With 12 nominations (more than any other participating school) in addition to the three awards, including Outstanding Production, Timberland Thespians and stage crew certainly have had a successful year.

The SLHSMTA are akin to the Tony Awards for high school musicals, and the Timberland Thespians stole the limelight, winning their troupe's very first awards from the organization after consecutive years of nominations. Timberland won two group awards, Outstanding Production and Outstanding Costume Design for their production of "The Addams Family." In addition, junior Kyle Rehme won Outstanding Supporting Actor for his portrayal of Uncle Fester in the winning play. [Read the full article](#) on the WSD website.



Holt High and Wentzville Middle School Band Director Earns SLSMEA Outstanding Music Educator Award

Holt High School music teacher and band director Jim Cunningham has been selected as the recipient of the St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association (SLSMEA) Outstanding Music Educator Award. The announcement was made on Friday, May 10, in front of a packed Holt Auditorium at the school's spring band concert.



"I've been in Wentzville and at Holt and Wentzville Middle

School for 19 years,” Cunningham said. “I have the best job there is. Not only do I get to make music every day, I get to watch students come in as sixth graders, knowing absolutely nothing about playing a musical instrument and then get to watch them over the next seven years grow and mature into not only great musicians but into young adults as well.” [Read the full article](#) on the WSD Website.

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THS Choir Director Earns SLSMEA Outstanding Music Educator Award



Timberland High School music teacher and choir director Ronda Fields received the St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association (SLSMEA) Outstanding Music Educator Award on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at the school's spring concert.

“I am overwhelmed by this extreme honor given by my colleagues who have been my mentors and encouragers throughout the years,” Field said. “It is an honor to be selected and I will never forget this moment.” [Read the full article](#) on the WSD Website.

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WSD Instructional Technology Coach Earns Virgil C. McCluer Award



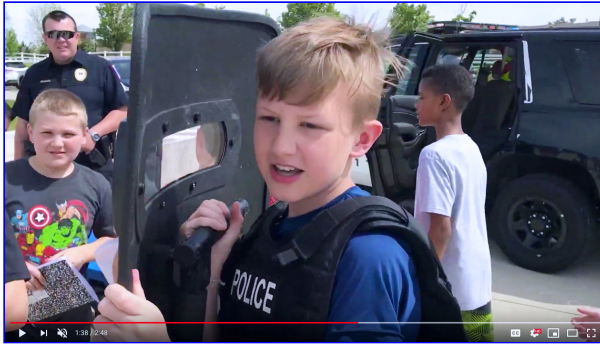
WSD Instructional Technology Coach Sam Hardesty Knoll received the Educational Technology Association of St. Louis Virgil C. McCluer Award for her outstanding personal contributions to the

instructional programs of St. Louis area schools. Sam has given more than 20 years to the education field, and made her way into the WSD as a fourth grade teacher at Peine Ridge in 2007. In 2009, she became a computer teacher, sharing her time and talent at three elementary schools, and in 2015, she began dedicating her time to integrating tech into the classroom for all teachers as a WSD Instructional Technology Coach. Sam holds a master's degree in educational technology, is a Google Certified Trainer and Google Certified Educator (Level 1 and 2), an Apple Certified

Teacher, and a BrainPOP Educator. A frequent presenter at area educational technology conferences, Sam is truly passionate about sharing ideas for the betterment of all students. [Read more](#) about Sam on the WSD website.

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Career Day at WSD Elementary Schools



What better way to get kids thinking about who and what they want to be when they grow up than to invite professionals from various occupations to tell them all about it? This year, three elementary schools organized large career days on May 17, including Boone Trail, Duello, and Stone Creek Elementary. From horse trainers to first responders, and from professional chefs to a fundraising auctioneer, students at these schools got a taste of what several different jobs are like, and what they might want to pursue as they develop their skills. Community partners really showed why Wentzville is such a great place to live with their time and generosity.

Holt Teams Win Boeing Engineering Challenge



Two teams of students from Holt High School in the Wentzville School District won the 11th Annual Boeing Engineering Challenge held on the campus of Washington University on April 27. Juniors Tyler Ruhland, John Hirschbuehler, Alex G. Meyer, Carson Meyer and Zack Halbert, made up team "The Guys" and won the Division 3 Championship out of over 40 teams competing in the glider

challenge. Juniors Wyatt Akowicz, Owen Stephans, Paul Tyson, Alex S. Meyer, Rodney Jenkins, and Michael Davies made up team "6 Head" and won the Division 2 Championship. [Read the full article](#) on the WSD website.



THS Senior Receives Chick Evans Scholarship



Timberland High School senior Collin Rooney has been named the recipient of a Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies from The Western Golf Association. The Evans Scholarship is a full, four-year, tuition and housing scholarship for golf caddies and is awarded based on a strong caddie record, excellent academics, demonstrated

financial need and outstanding character. Rooney is one of 260 Evans Scholars nationwide who will begin their college education this fall. [Read the full article](#) on the WSD website.



THS Student Accepted to Washington University College Prep Program



Timberland High School freshman Kamden Hill has been accepted to the exclusive College Prep Program at Washington University in St. Louis. The program is a multiyear initiative that prepares high-

achieving students with limited financial resources for college. Only 49 students headed into their sophomore year were chosen for this sixth cohort of the College Prep Program this year. Students will live and study on campus for three summers, participating in science labs, preparing their college essays and studying with top university faculty. Kamden is the only student from St. Charles County chosen for this honor. [Read the full article](#) on the WSD website.



Crossroads Elementary Students Win Green

Schools Quest



Students from Crossroads Elementary won the 2018-2019 Green Schools Quest, coordinated by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) - Missouri Gateway Chapter. The competition challenges students in St. Louis area public and private schools to devise and implement, with the help of "Green Mentors," the most creative, effective and no or low-cost sustainable practices for their schools.

Nearly 60 schools participated in this year's Green Schools Quest, which begins in October and runs through March. The Green Team from Crossroads Elementary consisted of 30 students in sixth grade who worked with science teacher Kim Kessler and mentors Mike Merritt from Saint Louis Lighting Group, along with Kyle Christensen and Clark Kessler from LEDVANCE lighting company. The students won in the Focus of the Year category (this year's focus was Energy) for their project, "One Size Fits None: Energy Efficiency." [Read the full article](#) on the WSD website.

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SkillsUSA State Conference



Congratulations to Timberland junior and first-year Lewis & Clark Automotive Service Technology student Connor Gawedzinski and first-year Brick & Stone Masonry student Joseph Weinhardt for having earned silver medals in the area of Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair and Brick & Stone Masonry Technology Information (written exam), respectively at the SkillsUSA Missouri State Leadership and Skills Conference held this spring in Linn, Missouri. Additionally, Holt junior and first-year Electrical Trades student Dominic Alivernia earned a bronze medal as a part of the Construction Teamworks team.

Students from across the state competed in 24 different challenges over three days in a variety of technical, hands-on, written, and oral competitions that related directly to their program of study at Lewis & Clark. The Lewis & Clark Career Center provides career and technical education for St. Charles County juniors and seniors from all five county school districts where students attend half the day at their respective high school, and half the day at Lewis & Clark.