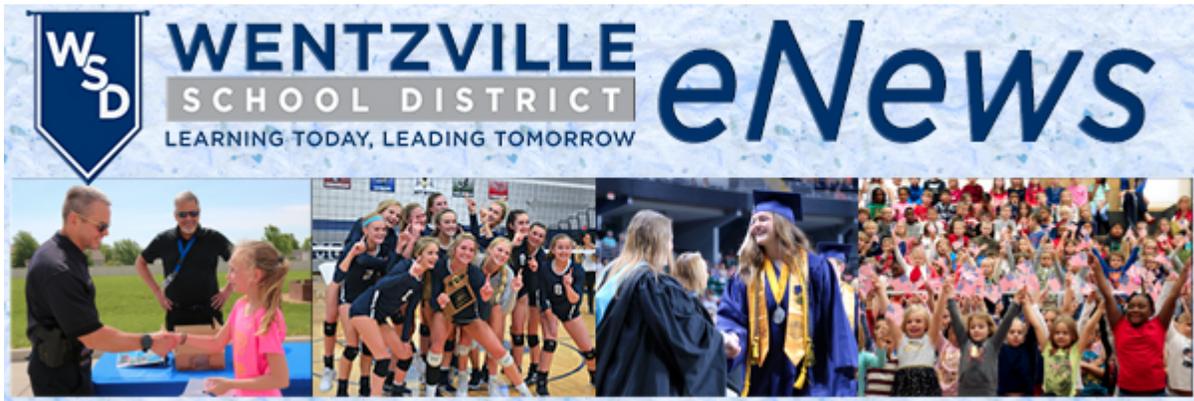


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Dr. Cain & Chief Frisz Message to Community



As we begin a new school year, Wentzville Police Chief Kurt Frisz and Superintendent Dr. Curtis Cain wanted to share a few reminders for students and parents around the importance of alerting someone when you see anything that could be deemed a threat to oneself or to others on social media. We want everyone to be assured that the Wentzville School District has the safety and welfare of our students and staff in mind at all times and we want to be proactive in educating our students about the responsible use of social media. We also want to avoid the distraction and undue anxiety that result from rumors that can spread quickly on social media. As the new school year gets underway, we will continue to work together with law enforcement to ensure that our schools are safe zones where adults can work and students can learn. But we cannot do it alone - we need everyone's assistance and vigilance with this. The more we work together, the stronger and safer we are as a community. [Watch their video message](#) on WSD YouTube.

Portrait of a WSD Learner



We are off to a great start in the WSD and there's so much to be excited about in the new school year! In conjunction with our new five-year strategic plan, the District has unveiled its "portrait of a learner" blueprint, which highlights our mission to support the whole child in order to ensure successful outcomes for all students. As part of that renewed focus, the WSD has added 12 School Support Interventionist positions (one at each elementary building) to help address the growing, broad spectrum of needs of our students. It is going to be a fantastic school year! [Watch the video](#) on WSD YouTube to learn more.

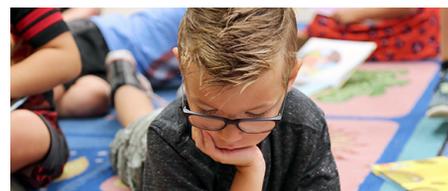


WSD Students Qualify for AP Scholar Awards



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Awards

The WSD is pleased to announce that 125 students from Holt, Liberty, and Timberland High Schools have qualified for Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards. Five WSD students (three from Liberty, one from Timberland and one from Holt) received the highest distinction: National AP Scholar Award. Carson Brown, Rishi Kondapaneni, and Zachary Myers from Liberty, as well as Nathaniel Beattie from Timberland and Jasper Pendino from Holt, all 2019 graduates, earned the National AP Scholar Award. [Read more](#) about these students on the WSD Website.



Dates to Remember

September 2
No Classes Pre-K-12
Labor Day Holiday

September 9
Late Start Grades K-12

September 19, 7 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting
Administrative Center

September 23
Late Start Grades K-12

September 26, 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Grades 9-12

September 27
No Classes

October 12, 9:00 a.m.
WSD Homecoming Parade



New Demographic Study Suggests Significant Growth will Continue

The Wentzville School District could add up to 5,000 new students over the next decade according to projections in a new demographic study released by MGT Consulting Group. The findings, which indicate the District could top 22,000 students over the next 10 years, were shared with the Board of Education by MGT Project Director Dan Schmidt at the August 15 board meeting. The report's key findings include that since 2009, WSD enrollment has increased 38.57% across all age groups with grades 9-12 experiencing the most growth during that time at 49.39%. The report also states that although the population of females of child-bearing age has slightly decreased across the District, the future school age population (under 5) has increased. [Read more](#) about this on the WSD Website.



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Boundary Update

The 2019 WSD Boundary Committee met this week to review two sets of draft scenarios that were updated based on committee comments and suggestions from their last meeting in May. The committee chose to move forward with one set of scenarios that emphasized a balanced utilization of space across all schools in the WSD. During the month of September, we are asking all stakeholders to weigh in on these draft scenarios so the committee can further develop the new boundaries in October and November before making a final recommendation to the Board of Education. **Please note: these scenarios are approximately 60% complete.** The committee will take the public's feedback from the online forum and the Community Forum meetings to make additional adjustments in October and November before a recommendation is made to the Board of Education in December. The boundaries will not be finalized until they are approved by the Board of Education.

In the coming days, parents will receive an email with links to the draft scenarios and the online forum in order to comment and make suggestions. The online forum will be open throughout the month of September and will be shared on the website and social media as well.

We also encourage all stakeholders to plan to attend one of the three Community Forums scheduled during the month of September:

Tuesday, September 10 at Frontier Middle School from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11 at the WSD Administrative Center from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, September 23 at South Middle School from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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



Liberty Graduate Earns Perfect Score on ACT

Liberty High School graduate Nawal Cheema has earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36. Nationally, while the actual number of students earning the top score varies from year to year, on average, only around two-tenths of 1% of students who take the ACT earn a 36. Among test takers in the U.S. high school graduating class of 2018, only 3,741 of more than 1.9 million students earned an ACT composite score of 36.

"Getting a 36 gave me a newfound belief in myself and my abilities and I hope I can use it to help me in the future," said Cheema. "I hope to get into an Ivy League





Amanda Moody
Instructional Technology Coach

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school here in the United States, while at the same time applying abroad for medical school in Pakistan.”

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Amanda Moody Selected for Google Innovator Academy

WSD Instructional Technology Coach Amanda Moody has been selected for the Google for Education Certified Innovator program. Moody is one of only 41 educators worldwide to be accepted into the program this fall and she joins a community of more than 1,700 passionate educators in over 50 countries who have been selected by Google to grow professionally, advocate for innovative technologies and drive school transformation.

The 12-month program kicks off with an in-person three day Innovation Academy held in New York on October 2-4, which is focused on helping new participants define, design and eventually launch a transformative project. Moody's project is to engage the community to help support the work educators do in the classroom, ultimately benefiting WSD students. [Watch a short video](#) about her on YouTube, and read more about this story on the [WSD Website](#).

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Follow WSD Superintendent on Twitter

New this year - Dr. Cain has made the fearless dive into social media! He loves spending time in our schools to witness first hand the amazing work our staff and students are engaged in. You can [follow him on Twitter](#) to see where he is tweeting from next.



First Day of School Slideshow

The first day of the new school year was full of pleasant surprises like the Bubble Bus at Heritage Primary, as well as many joyous reunions. Catch all the smiles, the laughs, and the hugs captured on August 13, from all around the [WSD in this video](#). Thanks to all the parents who submitted photos, and let's make this another great year in the WSD!



Timberland Art Students Create for Memory Project

Children in Peru have received portraits of themselves painted by Timberland art students thanks to the encouragement from Fine Arts Department Chair Crystal Wing and art teacher Greg Holland. The Memory Project was created by Ben Schumaker in 2004 after volunteering in Guatemala, and connects art students with children around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as violence, disasters, extreme poverty, neglect, and loss of parents, by supplying photographs



Curriculum Committee Seeking Parents and Community Members

The WSD is looking for interested parents and/or community members within our District to serve on the Curriculum Committee. The purpose of this committee is to provide feedback to the [Teaching and Learning Department](#) regarding curriculum and coursework.

The Curriculum Review Committee meets twice a year (additional meetings may be scheduled if needed). The first meeting is in the fall and takes place face-to-face in the Wentzville School District. The second is a meeting by email in late spring.

If you are interested in giving your time to this important work, please indicate your interest by [completing this online form](#).



WSD Ranked in Top 20 in Missouri by School Info Website

The WSD is the 20th best school district in Missouri, according to the [latest rankings released by niche.com](#) in August. Holt (#40), Liberty (#32) and Timberland (#41) are all ranked in the top 50 high schools in the state (out of 504). Frontier Middle made the list of the top 50 middle schools (#42) and Discovery Ridge and Green Tree Elementary were ranked in the top 15% in

to artists willing to take the time and paint a portrait for the child to keep. It is always an option for art students to participate because the students actually pay a small fee to cover the portrait delivery, yet each year students eagerly step up to participate.

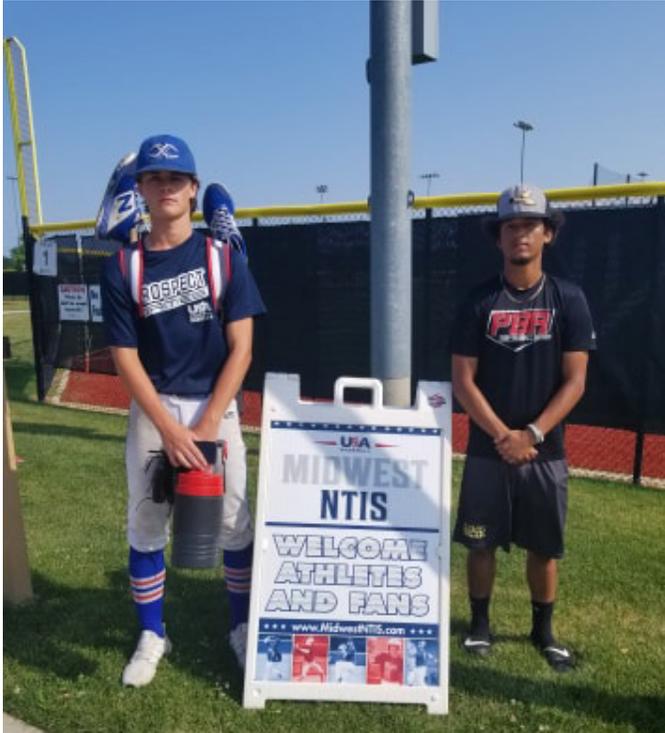
Since 2004, art students across the globe have created over 160,000 portraits for children in 49 countries. "For our students, it's perhaps the first time they've tried to paint a portrait, and it's always a joy to see how much they invest of themselves, and aim to achieve such a wonderful likeness of their chosen image," shared Holland. "It really says something about a kid who wants to put that kind of attention to something like this. I think of it as, from selfie to selfless." [Watch a video](#) sent to Mr. Holland's students, produced by the Memory Project, on WSD Facebook to learn more.

A screenshot of a mobile application interface. At the top, it says "Wentzville School..." with navigation icons. Below that is a photo of a group of women standing in front of a car with its trunk open. Underneath the photo is the text "TOP STORIES" and a short paragraph: "Last year, Plato's Closet in Saint Peters donated clothing a number of times throughout the sch...". At the bottom, there are three logos: "LOU FUSZ", "Tax Rate Hearing Notice", and "SSM Health". The footer says "powered by Blackboard".

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.

Missouri out of 1,126 elementary schools. A recent graduate left this review on the site: "I love being in the Wentzville School District. The teachers and administration strive to help their students succeed in every possible manner. The students are cared for and consistently loved on by the teachers."



Timberland Sophomores Compete to Earn Spot on USA Baseball Team

Timberland sophomores Lewie Sisay and Anthony Fumagalli are not only representing the city of Wentzville and their high school on the baseball diamond; they could soon be representing the whole country for USA Baseball. They were in Cary, NC, last weekend competing in the National Team Identification Series (NTIS) in order to get an invitation to the National Team Development Program (NTDP) next year.

Scouts for USA Baseball travel the country looking for kids who will ultimately form USA Baseball's 18U (18 and under) Team; you might recognize some who've played for the team, such as MLB All-Stars Matt Holliday, Bryce Harper, and Clayton Kershaw. USA Baseball scouts chose Fumagalli and Sisay to represent the Midwest region (from 11 states) on 30-man teams in their age groups (Fumagalli is on the 15U, while Sisay is 16U). The process begins in their respective regions (there are six regions) and there can be anywhere from 100-500+ kids that try out for the regions and age groups. Then, if you're named to one of the age group region teams, you travel to Cary, where there are roughly 200+ kids in each age group from all across the nation who are trying to earn a spot on a national team program the following year. As the selection process continues, good luck to Lewie and Anthony!



Link Crews Help Freshmen Acclimate to High School

More than 1,300 members of Holt, Liberty, and Timberland's freshman classes teamed up with high school upperclassmen at Freshman Orientation as part of Link Crew, a program aimed at helping students with their transition to high school. More than 300 upperclassmen from the schools' junior and senior classes greeted freshmen and welcomed them to their new school as part of the program.

Link Crew creates a structure that connects every incoming freshman with an upperclassman from the first day of high school and continues throughout the whole year. These upperclassmen serve as mentors and encourage freshmen to participate in school events and activities, concentrate on the importance of academics and bonding with the whole student body. This, in return, creates a positive and spirited community culture that is driven by students themselves.



Community.



Supply Donations for Kids

Thank you to National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC) for a large donation of school supplies to benefit WSD students! Donations like this one from NISC help to keep a supply closet filled during the school year so that counselors can get school supplies in the hands of students who need them! If your company or organization would like to donate, please contact the [WSD Community Relations Department](#).

WSD Child Nutrition is Here to Serve Students and Parents

The WSD Child Nutrition Department is here to provide nutritious, high quality meals to our students; feeding their minds and also their bodies. You can see monthly menus on Nutrislice.com, and you can also follow the department on Twitter [@WSDNutrition](https://twitter.com/WSDNutrition). Parents are welcome to contact WSD Child Nutrition department at (636) 327-3858, or via email:

[Susan Raster](#), Director
[Gwen Doyle](#), Assistant Director



Back to School Germs

It's the start of a new school year, and that means germ-sharing will be in full swing. Dr. Mia Finkelston, who sees patients through LiveHealth Online, has some simple tips on how to avoid germ-sharing and have a healthy school year. [Read her blog!](#)

Free and Reduced Meals Guidelines for 2019

The WSD's revised free and reduced price policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. [To see the full article, including the family-size income criteria for determine eligibility](#) (adopted by the DESE and the WSD Board of Education), please visit the WSD Website.



2019-20 Late Start Supervision

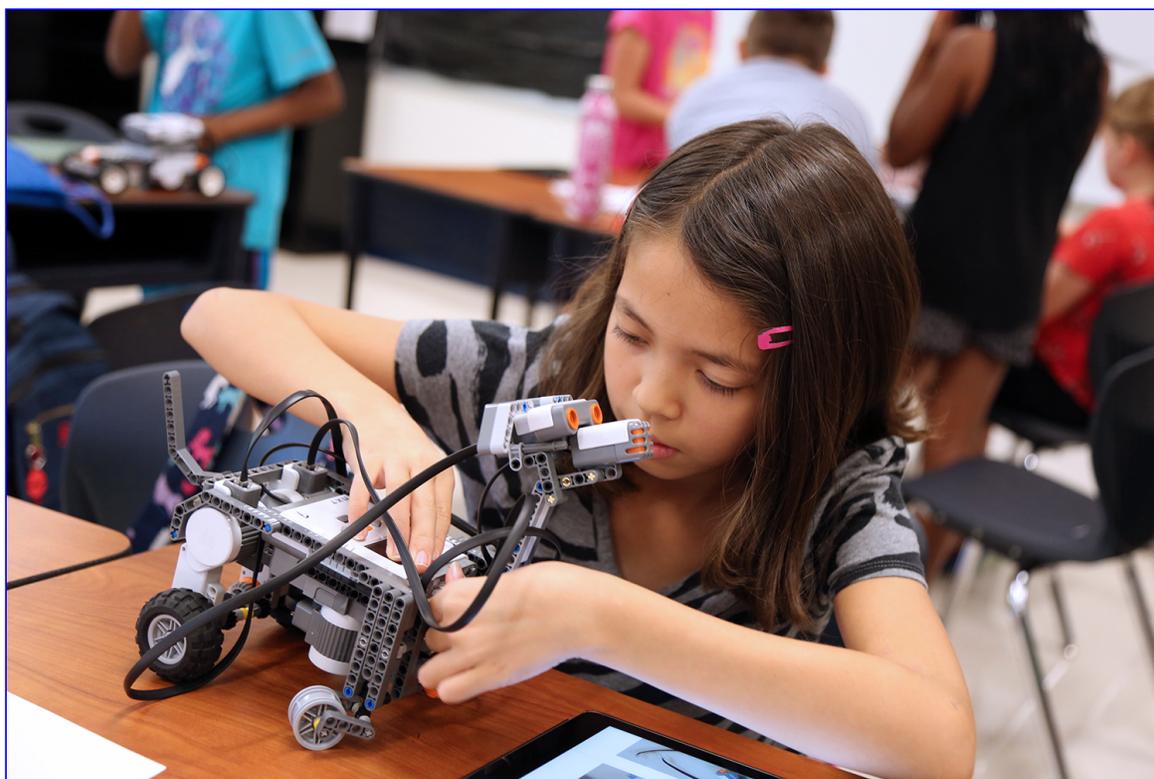
The next Late Start is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2019. The supervision for students in grades K-6 is \$10 per child for each late start day. **This is separate from our Before Care Program through Chautauqua, and only for students NOT already enrolled in the Chautauqua Before School Program.**

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](#).

WSD Videos

Visit the WSD YouTube Channel for more videos. Here are some recent productions about students and teachers.

WSD Summer STEM Camp Video

From July 8 through July 18, more than 400 students were at Discovery Ridge Elementary participating in the 2019 WSD STEM Camp ([watch the video on WSD YouTube](#)). It was a summer enrichment camp for kids entering kindergarten through sixth grade. Classes were designed and implemented by WSD teachers from all over the District, and ranged from Novel Engineering (solving problems that characters encounter in stories) to LEGO Robotics. Also highlighted in the video was a "Movie Magic" class, where students made short stop-motion films that were uploaded to YouTube (link is below). Though learning retention is being fulfilled through these classes, it's just as important that our students are having fun while learning through these hands-on, engaging lessons and activities. To [see the kids' movies](#) (as well as some fun trailers) the students made, visit Boone Trail teacher Sarah Boyer's YouTube page.

WSD Summer Journey Program and Credit Advancement/Recovery Courses



The WSD offered several Summer School programs for incoming Grades K-8 and high school students - free of charge to any student enrolled in the District. At Liberty High, more than 600 students took advantage of both credit advancement and credit recovery classes. For our students in elementary and middle school, the Summer Journey program engaged them in core subjects - with fun, hands-on activities driving the lessons. More than 2,200 students participated this year in Summer Journey at six schools - Duello (473), Prairie View (454), Lakeview (353), Stone Creek (403), Wabash (412) and Frontier Middle (116). [Watch the video](#) to get an inside look!

New Elementary School Construction



Construction for the new WSD elementary school has been underway, and the project is literally taking shape. You can already begin to imagine where students will be arriving to their school in 2020, coming to learn, play, grow, and positively affect their community. [This is footage](#) was taken via drone (owned and operated by WSD Marketing Director Derrick Docket) on July 8, 2019.

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