

ROYAL TIMES

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HARDCOPY



Message from the Superintendent



Mr. Forrest Trisler
Superintendent

On behalf of our staff and the Wynford Board of Education, we hope you and your families had a fantastic Christmas and are off to a great start in 2026. Please welcome Mrs. Kristi Chandler to the Wynford Board of Education. She is replacing Mr. Brett Ridge. Welcome, Mrs. Chandler, and thank you, Mr. Ridge, for your service to Wynford during your term on the school board.

Our first semester has gone smoothly and quickly. We've had a terrific start to the school year! Our students and teachers have done tremendous work this first semester, and I am extremely proud of them. Our students have represented Wynford well and are doing strong work in the classroom and on and off the courts and fields.

Below you will find information about the state of Wynford Local Schools. It is important to note that Wynford will be on the May 5, 2026 ballot for a 1.75% earned income tax for ten years for school operations. Wynford has not asked for any new operating funds since 2003. The district has gone 22 years without new operating money. During that time, costs have increased, yet the district has made do with the operating funds available and used carry over to continue operations with what we have today. The carryover is projected to run out in FY28. Please read more about the facts below.

We appreciate you sending us such great students to work with daily. Your children and grandchildren are the reason why we're here, and our staff looks forward to working with you and the students daily! Here's to a great 2026 Spring Semester and to a strong finish to the school year!

State of Wynford Local Schools



Wynford Local Schools has not had new operating money in 22 years. The district's operating budget is \$15 million. The district's revenue is \$14 million. In an attempt to save money and cut the deficit, the district has cut multiple positions since 2020, including 6 coaching positions, 2 part-time tutors, 4 full-time teaching positions, and 1 van/bus driver. Based on the current board-approved five-year forecast, the district's bottom line shows the district is facing significant financial trouble.

Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030
3,265,368	2,525,134	312,109	(2,324,116)	(5,377,939)

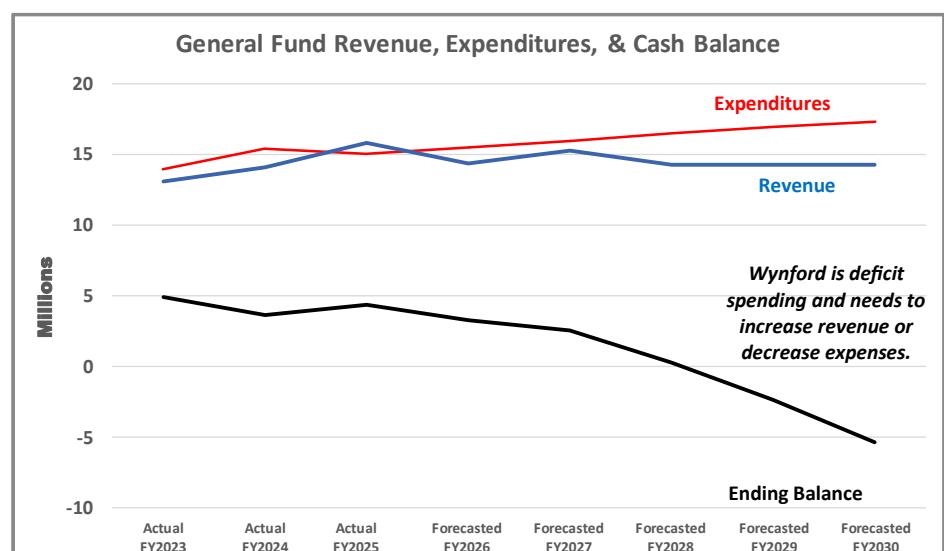
During the 2024-2025 school year, the district held multiple community forums and coffee meetings to let the community know the state of Wynford Local Schools. The district had to pause moving forward with a new operating levy during 2025 while the Ohio State Legislature worked on the new biennium budget and property tax reform. The message to the board of education and the Wynford administrative team from the community was clear during the multiple community forums. The community has had enough with property taxes escalating. Based on the financial state of the district, Wynford Local Schools was placed on a State Required Precautionary Written Financial Plan by the Ohio Department of

Education and Workforce. Additionally, the Ohio Auditor of State's Office launched a Performance Audit of the district in the fall of 2025.

At the November and December Board of Education meetings, the school board passed resolutions to seek a 1.75% earned income tax levy on Election Day on May 5, 2026. This new levy would impact the district's finances positively as shown below versus the current bottom line of the five-year forecast.

Estimated Cash Balance, June 30 with 1.75% Earned Income Tax:

Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030
3,265,368	2,669,238	2,269,521	2,035,031	1,382,942



WYNFORD LOCAL SCHOOLS		1,040 Students
114 Staff	100% Diploma + Acceptance Rate for the Class of 2025	
\$15m Operating Budget	97.7% Graduation Rate	
32.7% of High School Students Taking College Credit Plus Courses		
<i>Every Child, Every Day, Every Dream... Is Our Passion!</i>		
74 Teachers		15.3% Students with Disabilities
67% of Funding is Spent on Classroom Instruction		51.4% of Students are Economically Disadvantaged
17 Years Average Teaching Experience		
3.5-Star District on the State Report Card		





District Information

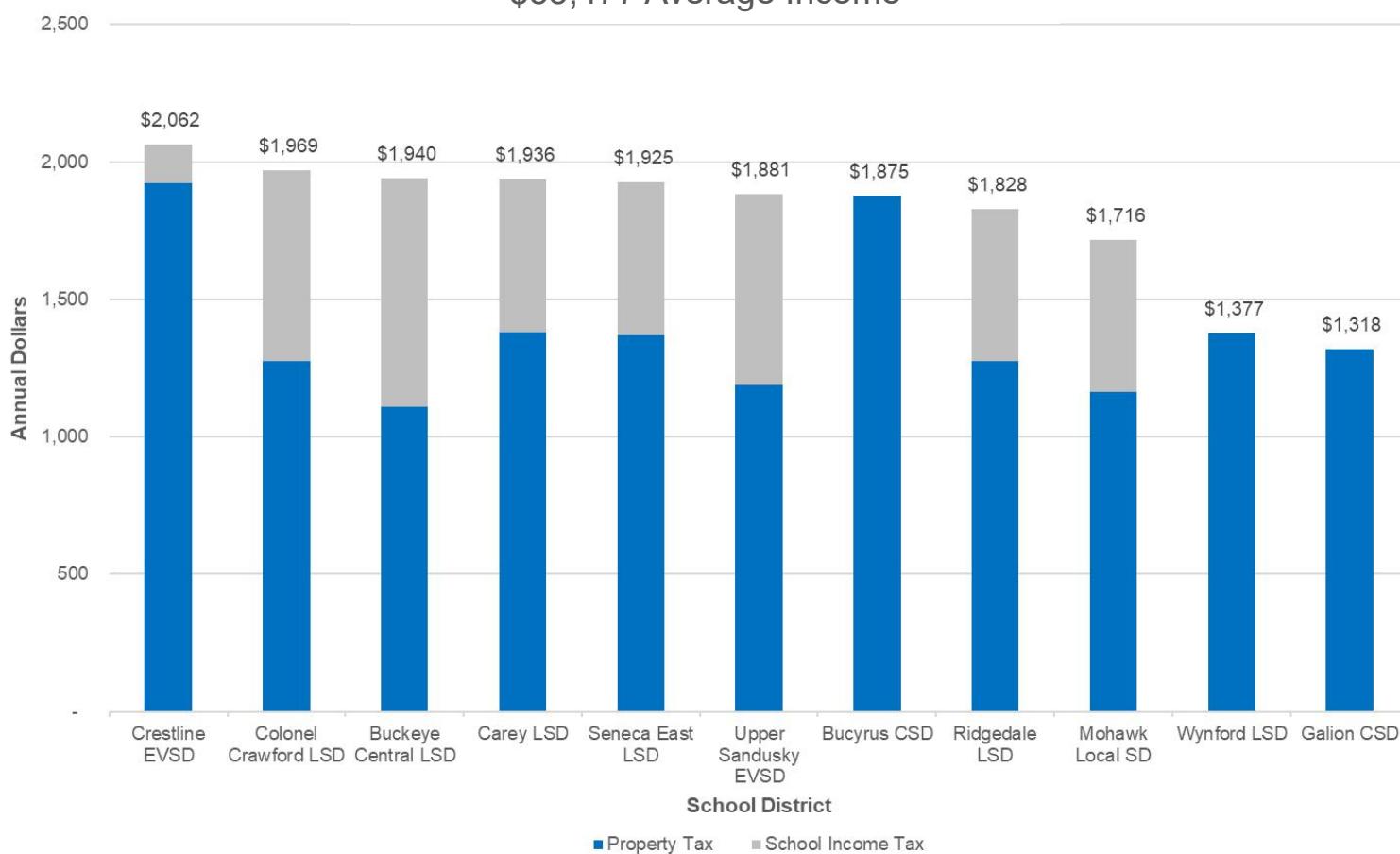


Total Annual School Tax by District
\$156,452 Average Home Market Value
\$55,477 Average Income

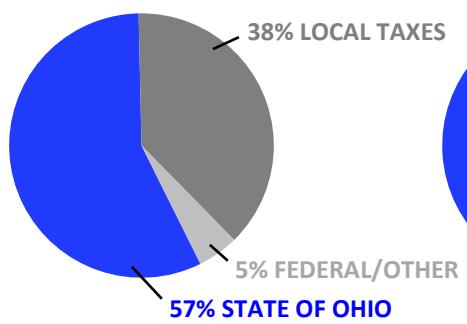
PROPERTY TAX LEVY FACTS

Voted Levy History:

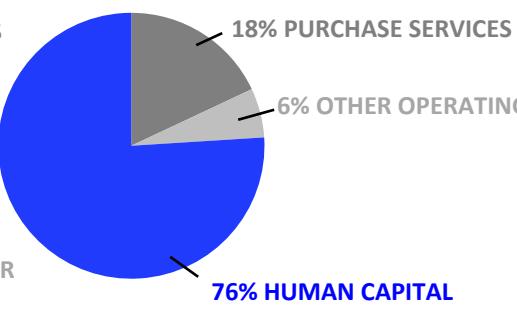
- **August, 1994**
Emergency Levy:
1.9 mills for \$350,000
(31 years old)
- **May, 2003**
Operating Levy:
6.9 mills for \$1,113,000
(22 years old)
- **November, 2017**
Middle/High School Bond Levy:
4.0 mills for \$17,060,000
(expires December 31, 2054)



REVENUE



EXPENSES



Windmills



POWER GRID PARTNERS TO REMOVE THEIR WINDMILLS FROM WYNFORD

On Monday, December 8, 2025, Power Grid Partners, the owners of the windmills on our school grounds, notified the district that they intend to remove their windmills this winter. The company stated that the cost to repair the windmills exceeds the cost of removal. No district funds were used in the construction of the windmills, and no district funds will be used for removal of the windmills. Any expense of removal is solely the responsibility of Power Grid Partners. Wynford Local Schools does not make any money on the windmills, and Wynford Local Schools will not lose any money with the removal of the windmills. The only benefit the district had was the ability to buy power from the windmills from Power Grid Partners. The district was paying the same amount per kilowatt-hour from AEP that was offered from Power Grid Partners. There is no financial loss to the district because of Power Grid Partners' decision to remove their windmills.



Kindergarten Screening



Wynford residents who have a child who will be 5 years old on or before August 19, 2026, must attend kindergarten screening. The Wynford Local School policy states that there will be no admittance for students entering kindergarten if their birthday occurs after August 19, 2026. Kindergarten screening will be held on April 23 and 24, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for resident and non-resident students. Please register your child for kindergarten screening by scanning the QR code. We can't wait to meet the **Wynford Class of 2039!**

Requirements for kindergarten are as follows:

- **Immunizations:** 5 doses - DPT; 4 doses - polio; 2 doses - MMR; 3 doses - hepatitis B; and 2 doses - chickenpox. This is subject to change. All required immunizations must be on file before the first day of school.
- **Government Issued Birth Certificate** (not a mother's certificate or hospital certificate)
- **Custody Papers** (if applicable)
- **Proof of Residency** - Current utility bill

Open enrollment applications for non-resident students will be available on our website beginning on March 1, 2026, and are due by April 30, 2026. Attending kindergarten screening does not guarantee open enrollment acceptance.

Kindergarten Screening

Thursday, April 23rd & Friday April 24th
9:00-3:00
Wynford Elementary School



Any child who turns five years old on or before August 19, 2026, is eligible. Both residents and non-residents may be screened; however, screening does not guarantee open enrollment acceptance.



REGISTER NOW



OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MARCH 1ST AND ARE DUE BY APRIL 30TH.

PLEASE BRING: BIRTH CERTIFICATE, VACCINE RECORDS, AND PROOF OF RESIDENCY.

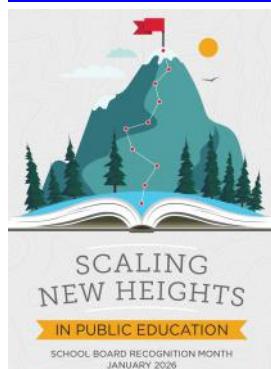




District Information



School Board Recognition Month



As part of School Board Recognition Month, we are highlighting our school board members for their commitment to our students and community. Thank you to the dedicated leaders who are scaling new heights in public education! They play a crucial role in the education of our children. Please join us in saying "thank you" this month to Mark Johnson, Scott Langenderfer, Kristie Chandler, Levi Hartschuh, and Matt Stahl.

School Delays and Closings

School delay and closing information is available on our website <https://www.wynfordroyals.org>, the Wynford App, our Facebook page "Wynford Royals," and X @WynfordRoyals. The following radio and TV stations are also notified when the Wynford Schools are delayed or closed because of the weather: **WQEL** (Bucyrus, Ohio) 92.7 FM, **ABC 6** (Columbus, Ohio) TV, and **NBC 4** (Columbus, Ohio) TV.



Our district also offers a notification service. Voice messages are sent for cancellations and delays, and text messages are sent for other school updates. To sign up for notifications or if you don't receive calls or text messages from Wynford, please contact the Wynford Board Office at (419) 562-7828 ext. 500.



Immunizations



Students entering **seventh grade** for the 2026-2027 school year are required to have a tetanus booster (Tdap) and meningococcal vaccine before school starts in August. This is subject to change.

Students entering **twelfth grade** for the 2026-2027 school year are required to have a meningococcal vaccine before school starts in August. You must be over the age of 16 in order for this to count as your senior required immunization. This is subject to change.

All required immunizations or an exemption form must be on file with our nurse before the first day of school. Immunization exemption forms can be found at <https://5il.co/h8jz> or on our website <https://www.wynfordroyals.org> under Menu—For Parents—Forms for Parents—Immunization Exemption Form. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Johnston at johnston.michelle@wynfordroyals.org.



Wynford App



It's Everything Wynford,
in your pocket.

Cafeteria Menus · Events · Staff Directory · Alerts · Athletics



Did you know Wynford has an app?

It's everything Wynford, in your pocket. The Wynford app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play by searching for Wynford Royals, OH, or you can find the download links at the bottom of our website at www.wynfordroyals.org. The app contains news, events, cafeteria menus, a staff directory, athletic schedules, links to various items such as FinalForms, MealTime, Parent Access, notifications, and much more.



Parent Notifications



The following items are posted on our website

at <https://www.wynfordroyals.org>:

PPRA Notice and Consent/Opt-Out for Specific Activities

Notification of Rights under **FERPA** for Elementary and Secondary Schools



Free & Reduced Meals



Wynford Food Services would like to remind everyone that if you have had a change in your financial situation, you can re-submit a new Free and Reduced Form for lunches. This can be done at any time of the year. For a Free and Reduced Form, please either stop by the school office to pick one up, fill out the electronic form on FinalForms at <https://wynford-oh.finalforms.com>, or print one from our website at <https://5il.co/1aabb> to complete and return to school. If you have any questions or need assistance with completing the form, please contact Mrs. Smock at 419-562-7828 x435 or smock.kathy@wynfordroyals.org.



FinalForms



FINALFORMS Parents, please remember that FinalForms needs to be completed each year for students at both the elementary school and middle/high school. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign all school forms for your students electronically. If you have not completed and signed your students' forms for this school year, they need to be done as soon as possible. Also, if any information changes during the school year such as your phone number or address, you need to notify the school and **update FinalForms** accordingly. Please visit <https://wynford-oh.finalforms.com> to complete and update ALL forms if you have not done so already this school year.

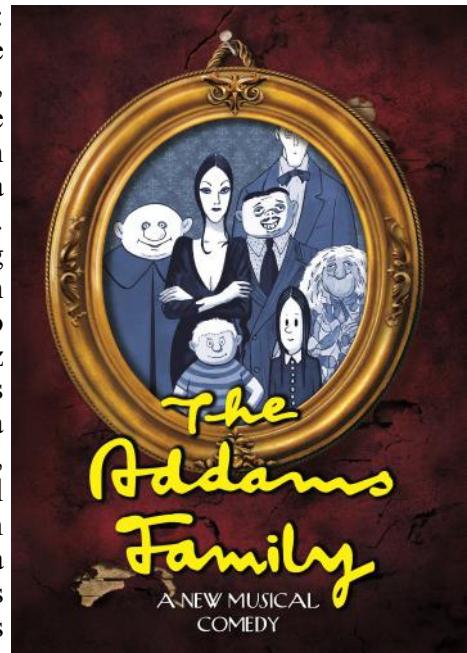


The Addams Family



WYNFORD DRAMA DEPARTMENT TO STAGE THE ADDAMS FAMILY MARCH 2026

After last year's successful production of *Bye Bye Birdie*, the Wynford Drama Department is gearing up for its next musical, *The Addams Family*! The show is a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and a dilemma that's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family—a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before—keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.



Show dates are Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 15, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and will be available for presale in the high school office starting March 9. Remaining tickets will be available at the door prior to each show. The auditorium will open 30 minutes before each performance.



District Information & High School Happenings



The Addams Family School Edition is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 640, New York, NY 10036. www.theatricalrights.com



Drama Department



WYNFORD DRAMA DEPARTMENT TO RECOGNIZE 2020 MUSICAL CAST AND CREW



This year's musical, *The Addams Family*, was originally scheduled to be performed in March 2020 but was ultimately canceled due to COVID. The Wynford Drama Department would like to recognize the members of the 2020 cast and crew at the Saturday performance on March 14. Members of the original production are encouraged to visit Wynford Theatre on Facebook and let us know if they are able to join us for the show!



Veterans Day



On Veterans Day, students at both the elementary and high school participated in events to honor the veterans of our community. Photographs of 191 veterans, both past and present, were included in a slideshow shared in the Wynford Community Center and the Wynford Elementary School lobby.

The Wynford High School Student Council and National Honor Society hosted a breakfast for veterans and their guests. After the breakfast, veterans were invited to a flag-raising ceremony in front of the elementary school. This ceremony was led by Wynford fifth-grade students. At the conclusion of the flag-raising ceremony, the fifth-grade students escorted the veterans into the gymnasium for a Veterans Day assembly.

This assembly included "Grand Old Flag," performed by the second-grade students, and "Those Who Served," performed by the fourth-grade students. The fifth-grade students also shared information about each branch of the military. A flag-folding demonstration highlighted the meaning behind each of the 13 folds.

The elementary halls and breakfast tables were decorated with words of gratitude and patriotic decorations made by Wynford students in preschool through fifth grade. Thank-you cards and poppy pins were created by many students and handed out to veterans as they left the assembly.

During the week leading up to Veterans Day, elementary students and staff collected snacks, sugar-free candy, hand lotions, and deodorant for the veterans at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio. All items were delivered in time for Veterans Day.

We look forward to Veterans Day 2026. We were honored to share our Veterans Day with true American heroes!



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From the desk of Mrs.

Julie Miller, Principal, Grades 9-12



Mrs. Julie Miller

The second semester of the 2025–2026 school year is underway, and it's great to have everyone back on campus. I hope the break provided time to slow down, recharge, and enjoy moments with family and friends.

As we move into the second half of the year, our focus remains on growth in every area of student life — in the classroom, in competition, and through extracurricular involvement. The progress made so far this year reflects the hard work of our students, staff, and families. From engaging instruction to strong collaboration across programs, we continue to build a school culture centered on opportunity, effort, and pride.

The coming weeks and months will be busy and exciting, with academic showcases, athletic contests, FFA events, and performances in the arts. These experiences highlight the talents of our students and strengthen the sense of connection that makes our school special.

Strong communication between home and school is essential to student success. Please don't hesitate to reach out to teachers, counselors, or me if questions or needs arise. Partnering together allows us to better support students as they work toward their goals.

As winter activities continue, we invite you to join us in supporting our students by attending games, meets, matches, concerts, and events at WHS. Your support matters and is greatly appreciated. Go Royals!



From the desk of Mrs. Shelli Ashley,
High School Counselor



IMPORTANT COUNSELING & ACADEMIC DATES

As we move into the second half of the school year, I would like to share several important upcoming dates and opportunities for our students and families. We encourage parents and community members to mark their calendars and support students during these key milestones.

• Class of 2028 – Junior Year Planning

A meeting for **Class of 2028** students and their parents will be held to discuss scheduling and academic options for junior year. This meeting will cover course options, graduation planning, and pathways to best prepare students for their future goals.



January 12



7:00 p.m.



New Cafeteria





High School Happenings



- **ACT for Juniors**

All juniors will participate in the ACT during the school day. There is an opt-out option that will be available in January.

February 24

- **Class of 2030 – Transition to High School**

An informational meeting for **Class of 2030** students and their parents will be held to review high school scheduling and expectations.

March 3 **7:00 p.m.** **New Cafeteria**

- **Class of 2026 – Celebrations & Scholarships**

Several exciting events are approaching for the **Class of 2026**:

Signing Day: May 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Honors Night: May 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

Graduation: May 16

In addition, scholarship opportunities for the Class of 2026 will continue to be posted on the counseling website at:

www.whscounseling.org

Multiple scholarship work sessions will be offered to provide students with dedicated time and support to complete applications. Students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities.



National Honor Society



The Wynford National Honor Society held its induction ceremony for new members on October 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The second-year National Honor Society members led the ceremony and welcomed 13 new members. There is a lengthy process and list of qualifications for students to be approved and invited to join the National Honor Society. Wynford is proud to have accepted the following new members into the National Honor Society: Caroline Sheldon, Alyssa Massey, Alivia Ritzler, Evan Stacklin, Willa Johnson, Aaron Rabun, Brooke Frombaugh, Cali Holbrook, Madisyn Watkins, Erin Wolfe, Lily Laippy, Jake Stover, and Maggie Ridge.



WYNFORD HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Front Row (Left to Right): Caroline Sheldon, Alivia Ritzler, Willa Johnson, Brooke Frombaugh, Madisyn Watkins, Lily Laippy, & Maggie Ridge
Back Row (Left to Right): Alyssa Massey, Evan Stacklin, Aaron Rabun, Cali Holbrook, Erin Wolfe, & Jake Stover



Band



The Wynford Marching Royals have enjoyed a very busy yet successful marching season. They performed at all the football games and also marched in both the Friday and Saturday Bratwurst Festival parades. On August 3, 2025, Wynford freshmen Tessa Spore, Gillian Spore, and Madison Safford practiced throughout the day and performed at the Pro Football Hall of Fame Stadium in front of almost 10,000 fans as part of the Bandtastic Honors Band performance, which took place prior to the Drum Corps

International competition. They did a fantastic job and were an excellent representation of the Wynford Band.

Sophomore Jamison Crall was a member of the 2025 All-Ohio State Fair Band. He was one of 150 students selected for the 100th edition of the band, which performed more than 90 concerts during the two weeks they were at the Ohio State Fair.



Bandtastic Honors Band
Left to Right: Gillian Spore,
Madison Safford, & Tessa Spore



All-Ohio State Fair Band
Jamison Crall

In October, freshmen Clayton Postell and Tessa Spore; sophomores Reilly Teynor, Jordan Shealy, and Jamison Crall; junior Rylee Candel; and senior Drew Neeld performed at the University of Findlay High School Band Day alongside Wynford Band alumnus and current University of Findlay band member, Gretchen Shade.

In November, sophomores Reilly Teynor, Jamison Crall, and Addison Pelter performed at the Bowling Green State University High School Band Day alongside Wynford Band alumnus and current BGSU twirler, Sami Hickman.



Band Students at University of Findlay High School Band Day
Left to Right: Clayton Postell, Alumna Gretchen Shade, Reilly Teynor, Tessa Spore, Rylee Candel, Jordan Shealy, Jamison Crall, & Drew Neeld



Band Students at Bowling Green State University High School Band Day
Left to Right: Addison Pelter, Reilly Teynor, Jamison Crall, & Alumna Sami Hickman

The Wynford Marching Band finished the season with a concert featuring all the music from every show performed during football season.



The Wynford Band held a very successful pancake breakfast for both the band and the choir, along with a highly successful hog raffle. These fundraisers will go a long way toward helping both groups purchase needed items for classroom instruction and performances, as well as supporting future trips.





High School Happenings



The Band Boosters would like to thank our sponsors for our annual Hog Raffle. With the help of these awesome community members, we were able to raise over \$8,000 this year. A huge shout-out goes to Hord Family Farm for donating the hog, Link's Country Meats for donating the processing, and S&F Trucking for donating the two cooler bags of steaks. Also, thank you to everyone who purchased tickets from the band and choir students and to the parents who helped sell tickets. You are all appreciated!

The Wynford Band would also like to thank Upper's Winter Fantasy of Lights for selecting the Wynford Band as one of this year's beneficiaries! We are so grateful for this support and the positive impact it will have on our students and program.



Teen Institute



On September 18, Wynford High School Teen Institute (TI) traveled to Schines Art Park to participate in the fourth annual Youth Rally. The TI members were able to participate in multiple games and activities with students from all over the county. It was an inspiring and high-energy event celebrating the youth in Crawford County as they lead the way in making healthy, positive choices.



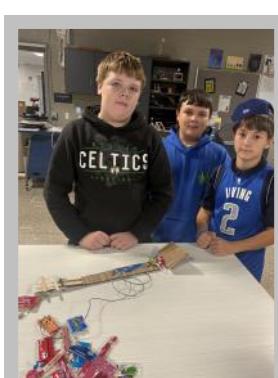
Wynford Teen Institute Members



Makerspace



This semester in the middle/high school makerspace, students have been able to complete the following projects: 3D printing, Cricut design projects, drones (constructing and flying), laser-engraved items, sewing projects (pillows and seasonal designs), robot coding and constructing, sublimation prints, heat-press projects, coding (app construction), and construction projects (candy grabber, paper roller coasters, and catapults).



Athletics



FOOTBALL



High School Football Team at the Bratwurst Festival Parade



The Wynford Varsity Football Team defeated Bucyrus 49-22 to retain the Copper Kettle.

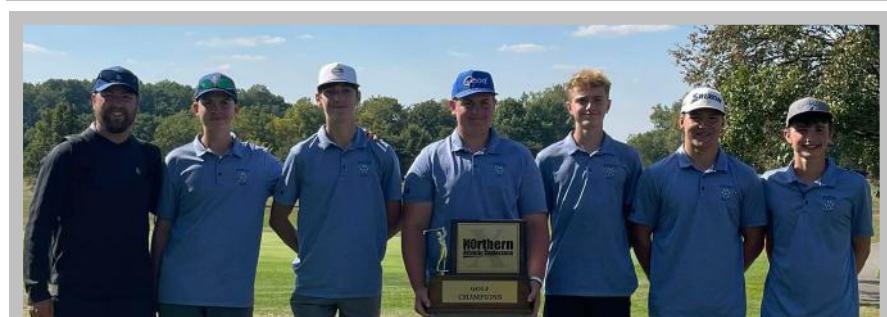
GOLF

The Wynford Lady Royals Girls Golf Team enjoyed a historic season full of milestones. The team went undefeated for their season and successfully defended their N10 title at Woody Ridge Golf Course, marking back-to-back conference titles. Caroline Sheldon was the overall medalist at the N10 match, shooting an 83. The Lady Royals then captured the sectional championship at Valley View Golf Course for only the second time in school history. At the district tournament at Sycamore Springs Golf Course, they finished second, earning the program's first-ever trip to the OHSAA Division II State Tournament. Despite a rain-shortened event at Heatherwoode Golf Course in Springboro, the Lady Royals placed tenth in the state, capping a remarkable season.



WYNFORD GIRLS GOLF—N10 CHAMPIONS, SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS, DISTRICT RUNNER-UP, & STATE QUALIFIERS

Left to Right: Coach Sean Weisenauer, Caroline Sheldon, Maradath Engler, Rylee Robinson, Maggie Ridge, Willa Johnson, & Megan Young



WYNFORD BOYS GOLF—N10 CHAMPIONS, SECTIONAL RUNNER-UP, DISTRICT QUALIFIERS

Left to Right: Coach Michael Powers, Reed Johnson, Levi McLaughlin, Clay Rogers, Drew Stanek, Jaron Vance, & Owen Prenger

CROSS COUNTRY

Drew Pope, Brooklyn Stauffer, and Elena Alegre all ran fast enough at Districts on October 18 at Amman's Reservoir in Galion to qualify for Regionals, which were held on October 25 at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin. They were Wynford's first regional qualifiers in several years.

There were four seniors on the boys' cross country team: Drew Pope, Ashton Tarbert, Clay Lusk, and Jacob Wagner.





High School Happenings



Congratulations on a great season and on all their hard work through the years. They will be missed.



WYNFORD CROSS COUNTRY—REGIONAL QUALIFIERS
Left to Right: Brooklyn Stauffer, Elena Alegre, & Drew Pope



WYNFORD CROSS COUNTRY— SENIORS
Left to Right: Coach Melissa Pope, Clay Lusk, Drew Pope, Jacob Wagner, Ashton Tarbert, and Coach Bill Byrnes



Bryce Locker
1st Team All-N10 Defense
2nd Team All-N10 Offense
2nd Team Def. District VI
Football



Logan Fichtner
2nd Team All-N10 Offense
2nd Team Off. District VI
Football



Maddax Engler
2nd Team All-N10 Defense
2nd Team Def. District VI
Football



Zaidin Zier
Honorable Mention All-N10
2nd Team Def. District VI
Football



Jake Stover
Honorable Mention All-N10
2nd Team Off. District VI
Football



Brayden Campbell
Honorable Mention District VI
Football



Braylon Wells
Honorable Mention District VI
Football



Royal Reunion

Wynford High School recently hosted a Royal Reunion, welcoming back five graduates from the Class of 2025 to speak with current seniors about their transition from high school to college. The alumni shared honest and helpful insights about life on a college campus, including what to expect during the first year, how college differs from high school, and the importance of time management and independence. They also discussed choosing classes and majors, encouraging students to explore interests, ask questions, and take advantage of academic advisors and campus resources.

In addition, the graduates highlighted the value of getting involved outside the classroom, sharing their experiences with college clubs, organizations, and athletics. They emphasized how participation helps students build friendships, manage stress, and feel connected on campus.

The Royal Reunion was sponsored by Crawford College Connections, which also provided a light breakfast for students and alumni. They also shared the scholarship opportunities with our seniors. The event provided seniors with a valuable opportunity to hear firsthand experiences from recent graduates who were once in their shoes, reinforcing the strong Royal connection and helping students feel more prepared for the transition beyond Wynford.



Puerto Rico



On May 26, 2025, high school Spanish teacher Rosa Minnear and high school science teacher Julie Rexroad traveled with four Wynford students to Puerto Rico to learn about the culture, history, and science the island has to offer! Wynford student travelers included Samantha Dornbirer, Opal Chandler, Wyatt Tomlin, and Tyler Rexroad, along with Ontario student and Mrs. Minnear's daughter, Nissi Powers. The group made friends as they were matched up with groups from New Orleans, Philadelphia, and Alberta, Canada! Many friends were made during the week-long trip! The group visited several historic locations including Old San Juan and Ponce, traveled to the El Yunque National Forest, the only tropical rainforest on U.S. soil, and explored the marine and cave systems in the area. Students also experienced the culture with a hands-on cooking class, salsa dance lessons, and a tour of a historic sugar cane farm.

The first day, after a long flight, included exploring the area of Isla Verde and resting up for a full day of exploring the next day. On Tuesday, the group visited El Morro, the oldest Spanish fort in the



Post-Season Awards



Caroline Sheldon
1st Team All-N10
N10 Player of the Year
1st Team Dist. II
Golf



Rylee Robinson
1st Team All-N10
2nd Team Dist. II
Golf



Willa Johnson
1st Team All-N10
Honorable Mention Dist. II
Golf



Maggie Ridge
1st Team All-N10
Honorable Mention Dist. II
Golf



Megan Young
Hon. Mention All-N10
Golf



Sean Weisenauer
Coach of the Year All-N10
Girls Golf



Clay Rogers
1st Team All-N10
Golf



Levi McLaughlin
1st Team All-N10
Golf



Owen Prenger
2nd Team All-N10
Golf



Jaron Vance
Honorable Mention All-N10
Golf



Reed Johnson
Honorable Mention All-N10
Golf



Michael Powers
Coach of the Year All-N10
Boys Golf



Brooke Frombaugh
1st Team All-N10
1st Team Dist. VI
Volleyball



Madisyn Watkins
Honorable Mention All-N10
Honorable Mention Dist. VI
Volleyball



Cali Holbrook
Honorable Mention Dist. VI
Volleyball



Kate McGuire
Honorable Mention Dist. VI
Volleyball





High School Happenings



Caribbean! Other guided tours included the San Jose Church, La Fortaleza, Cathedral of San Juan Bautista, and Paseo de la Princesa. Students enjoyed time to explore, shop, and eat in Old San Juan. The following day included a tour of El Yunque National Forest and free time at Luquillo Beach.

Thursday led the group to explore one of Puerto Rico's unique cave systems, Cueva Ventana, with a picturesque view once the group reached the top. Students learned about the different geological formations within the cave and ancient cave pictographs dating back thousands of years. Many bats, insects, snails, birds, and plant life were discussed on the tour. The next day, Ponce was on the agenda to explore, visiting the Historic City Center and Parque de Bombas, the first fire department on the island. Students experienced a cooking class making a Mofongo dinner with mashed plantains, and adding toppings of rice, meat, and vegetables to top it off. That evening the group made their way at dusk by boat to Bioluminescent Bay to see the microscopic plankton that glow blue and green at night due to bioluminescence, or the ability to produce their own light. After a week of fun, learning, culture, friendships, and experiences, the Wynford travelers made their way back home with stories to tell and memories for a lifetime.

Want to travel with us on our next adventure? Wynford is traveling to Spain in 2027! Check out the 11-day trip here: <https://www.eftours.com/tour-website/3003551BP>



Exploring the Cave Systems



Top of the Yokahu Tower in El Yunque



Making Mofongo for Dinner



Parque de Bombas
(1st Fire House on the Island)



Snorkeling



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Interact Club



The Interact Club, the student version of the Rotary Club, has had a busy start to the school year! The club's leadership includes sophomores Chase Smith as president, Karlee Dowell as Vice President, Addison Pelter as secretary, and junior Weston Gray as treasurer. To date, the club has nearly 40 members displaying "Service Above Self!"

Members of the club participated in various fundraisers to help raise money for the Thanksgiving Meal and Angel Tree projects, assisting families during the holiday season. Rader's Popcorn took over Mrs. Rexroad's room as orders were brought in, sorted, and delivered! Students also participated in a Halloween dress-up day for \$1, with proceeds benefiting the Thanksgiving Meal project. The Interact Club also donated \$250 on World Polio Day, October 24, to help support efforts to eradicate the disease and fund related research, which is also one of Rotary's main initiatives.

World Interact Week was November 3-9 with a week of community service! During the week, students collected snack and drink items that were assembled into snack packs for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio. Hat Day for \$1 was on Tuesday, with all money benefitting the Butterfly Foundation of Crawford County, which helps foster children receive necessities when moving into new homes. On Wednesday, members showed their creative side by making cat and dog toys that were donated to the Humane Society serving Crawford County. On Thursday, greeting cards were made for residents at Altercare, a nursing home in Bucyrus.



November and December ended with members shopping for Thanksgiving meal items and delivering them to families, shopping for Christmas toys and gifts for children in the district, and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.



Upcoming projects include:

- Helping with the Bucyrus Rotary Pancake Day on Saturday, February 14, at Bucyrus High School
- Visiting the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio on March 13 to help clean rooms and prepare lunch for families staying there with children in central Ohio hospitals
- Serving the meal and displaying auction items at the Rotary Auctionfest being held at Wynford High School on Saturday, April 18
- Working with the America 250 project along Lincoln Highway
- Assisting with the startup of a local community garden in Bucyrus





Wynford FFA



CHICKEN BBQ

On September 13, the Wynford FFA held its annual chicken BBQ. Members worked shifts throughout the day preparing the chicken and bags filled with chips, rolls, cookies, and coleslaw. Throughout the day, members prepared approximately 1,000 chicken dinner meals. The BBQ was extremely successful, and all meals were sold.



SOIL JUDGING

On September 16, FFA members competed against Colonel Crawford and Buckeye Central in the county soil judging contest. For the rural team, Jayla King placed third individually, and Kate McGuire finished ninth, helping the team earn second place overall. The urban team, led by fourth-place finisher Ben Klamfoth, also placed second in its division. Special thanks to Crawford County Soil and Water for all their work in hosting the county soils contest.

On September 23, the soil judging teams advanced to the district contest in Holmes County. The rural team placed second overall, led by Clay Lusk (4th), Tessa Spore (12th), Josh Rindfuss (14th), Brennen Westrick (18th), Jayla King (24th), and Dominick Brown (58th). The urban team placed third overall, led by Lily Laippy (6th), Ellie Keeton (10th), Brock Saam (11th), Jordan Shealy (14th), Ben Klamfoth (29th), and Addison Sebring (50th). Both teams advanced to the state contest.



Rural Soils Team

Left to Right: Clay Lusk, Josh Rindfuss, Brennen Westrick, Dominick Brown, Jayla King, & Tessa Spore



Urban Soils Team

Left to Right: Ben Klamfoth, Lily Laippy, Addison Sebring, Brock Saam, Jordan Shealy, & Ellie Keeton

The state soils contest was held on October 11. The urban team placed 15th in the state and was led by Jordan Shealy, followed by team members Lily Laippy, Brock Saam, Ellie Keeton, and Ben Klamfoth. The rural team placed fifth in the state and qualified for the National Land and Range Contest in Oklahoma in the spring! The team was led by Josh Rindfuss, followed by team members Brennen Westrick, Clay Lusk, Jayla King, and Tessa Spore. The top four members will compete in Oklahoma. Great job to all who made it this far!

HARVEST DAY

On October 10, Wynford FFA members and Wynford FCCLA members hosted Harvest Day for the Wynford kindergarten students. The kindergarten students were split into groups and rotated through stations. There were games, crafts, a petting zoo, and lots of fun! Thank you to the individuals who brought animals, tractors, and tile!



IRON PLOW TROPHY

On October 24, four Wynford FFA officers, Josh Rindfuss, Brock Saam, Alivia Ritzler, and Cali Holbrook, awarded the Colonel Crawford FFA officers the Iron Plow Trophy after Colonel Crawford's win against Wynford in varsity football.



TRAP SHOOT

On October 25, the trapshooting team attended the West Holmes Trap Shooting Contest at Silver Lake Gun Club in Wooster. Wynford's team placed second out of nine teams and was led by Clay Lusk, who placed second, and Logan Wright, who placed third overall as individuals. Other members included Landon Miller, Ben Klamfoth, Kyle Pope, and Tyler Rexroad. Thank you to the dads who helped get them there!



NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

One of the biggest trips of the year, the National FFA Convention, began on October 29. On day one, members left from Buckeye Central and traveled with surrounding schools, including Margaretta, Colonel Crawford, Buckeye Central, and Lucas. They toured Geronimo Solar Power, Select Sires, and the Ohio Caverns. On day two, they started with the opening session, which was packed! Then, they traveled to Purdue University and toured the campus. Next, they toured Fair Oaks Dairy and saw lots of cows. Day three was spent at the convention center, where sessions and the career show were attended, and lots of shopping was done as well. Excitingly, alumni members Thomas Rindfuss and James McCurry were displaying Thomas's business, TRUSS Services. At the convention, FFA alumni Ivy Schifer received her American FFA Degree. Congratulations, Ivy!



Ivy Schifer
American FFA Degree



JOB INTERVIEW

On November 6, FFA members Ezra Roth, Chase Smith, Erin Wolfe, and Brock Saam traveled to Plymouth for the sub-district job interview contest. Ezra placed second in division one, Chase placed seventh in division two, Erin placed first in division three, and Brock placed fourth in division four. Ezra and Erin moved on to the district job interview contest on November 11 at Lucas. Ezra Roth placed fourth in the freshman division, and Erin Wolfe placed first in the Junior Division and moved on to the state contest. On





Wynford FFA



November 22, Erin Wolfe competed at the state job interview contest and placed seventh in the state.



Interview Contest

Left to Right: Ezra Roth, Chase Smith, Erin Wolfe, & Brock Saam

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

On November 13, the county parliamentary procedure contest was held at Buckeye Central. The advanced team, consisting of Ellie Keeton, Mallory Brause, Erin Wolfe, Brock Saam, Jordan Shealy, Marlie Hosey, and Bennett Assenheimer, and novice team one, consisting of Brielle Lloyd, Kyle Pope, Tessa Spore, Ezra Roth, Levi Webb, Gillian Spore, and Eili Wolfe, both placed first and moved on to the sub-district contest. On November 19, the advanced and novice teams traveled to Margaretta for the sub-district contest. The advanced team placed first, and the novice team placed second, allowing both to move on to districts on November 25. Districts took place at Wellington, where both the advanced and novice teams placed fourth.



Advanced Team

Front Row (Left to Right): Ellie Keeton, Mallory Brause, & Erin Wolfe
Back Row (Left to Right): Brock Saam, Jordan Shealy, Marlie Hosey, & Bennett Assenheimer



Novice Team

Left to Right: Brielle Lloyd, Kyle Pope, Tessa Spore, Ezra Roth, Levi Webb, Gillian Spore, & Eili Wolfe



Novice Team

Left to Right: Brendan Engler, Xander Weaver, Jacob Sias, Jayla King, Kimber Butler, Breylee Clark, & Avery Babcock



Novice Team

Left to Right: Josiah Barth, Sydney Holbrook, Makenah Watkins, Logan Laippy, Paige Sheldon, Rylan Burris, & Gabe Motter



Novice Team

Left to Right: Ellie Nash, Eden Cassaro, Callista Steiner, Kabe Booher, Parker Hourt, Bentley Vaughn, & Tyler Rexroad

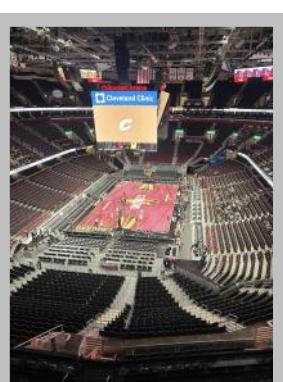
LEADERSHIP NIGHT

On November 18, Wynford FFA hosted the District 2 Leadership Night. Approximately 175 students from multiple schools attended, along with state officers Bella, Taylor, and Malainy, who delivered presentations to all participants. The event featured cornhole, volleyball, and ping-pong tournaments, with Wynford emerging victorious in each competition. Wynford FFA extends its gratitude to all officers, both state and local, as well as to the Crawford County Cattlemen's Association for donating beef, Abbi Holbrook for providing cookies, and the parents and community members who helped serve food. It was a successful evening, and the chapter feels fortunate to have such a supportive community supporting it.



CLEVELAND CAVALIERS BASKETBALL GAME

On November 21, the FFA chapter attended "FFA Day" at Rocket Arena. They listened to a panel of professionals and toured the arena. Afterwards, they had dinner in the Arena District and watched the Cavs win against the Pacers. It was a fun and memorable night for everyone!



STAFF VS. SENIOR VOLLEYBALL GAME

On November 25, the FFA held its annual senior vs. staff volleyball game. Admission to the game was \$2 or three canned goods. Money was raised and cans of food were collected for the Salvation Army to support families in need during the holiday season.





Seniors



Attention Students and Parents of the Class of 2026,

It's that time of year to start gathering photos for the senior pages of the 2025-2026 yearbook. This year, we will be implementing a few new ideas for the senior section. We are asking for your participation to help create a fun section to show off this year's graduating class. Listed below are the items we are requesting in order to make sure that the pages are as uniform as possible. Signatures and quotes need to be turned in by April 24, 2026. They will be submitted via a Google Form sent to each student's Wynford email. All photos need to be turned in by May 1, 2026.

If pictures, quotes, or signatures are not turned in on time, they will not be entered into the yearbook. The yearbook staff will NOT be chasing you down for any information. It is your responsibility to turn in the information on time. Reminders will be posted on the announcements at WHS and Pioneer, as well as numerous school communication outlets.

Please include:

- 4 Total Pictures
 - One baby picture
 - One colored full-body photo - portrait style (vertical), no close-ups
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 - One **appropriate** quote/saying with an author - if applicable
- One Signature of your name (this can be done on a blank sheet of paper and take a photo of it)

Please email Todd Enders or call 419-562-7828 ext. 114 for questions or additional information.

Below is an example of what the page layout will look like. Please keep in mind that pictures have to fit in these areas, so plan accordingly for the pictures that you choose. The yearbook staff will do their best to ensure that all pictures are laid out in a pleasing fashion.

Pictures and questions can be emailed to enders.todd@wynfordroyals.org, call 419-562-7828 ext. 114, or contact Rylee via email at 26robiry@wynfordroyals.org. Thank you for working with the yearbook staff to turn in your pictures in a timely fashion. We appreciate your cooperation and are working diligently to create this year's senior section in the yearbook. Thanks again!



Middle/High School Yearbook



2025-26 WYNFORD ROYALE

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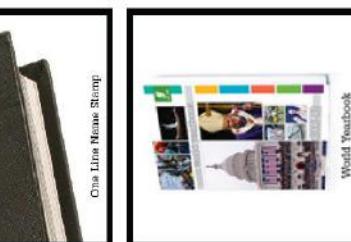
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Middle/High School Student Council



FALL FUN DAY

On October 3, members of the Wynford Middle School and High School Student Council assisted with setting up and running activity stations at the Wynford Elementary Fall Fun Day. During the event, student council members led and demonstrated various games and activities, including Barn Yard Fun, School House Games, and painting activities, helping ensure the stations ran smoothly. One featured station included team relay sack races and tug-of-war competitions. The elementary students thoroughly enjoyed participating in the games and interacting with the middle and high school student council members.



HOMECOMING

Homecoming 2025, organized by the high school student council, was a memorable celebration held on October 17 during the football game, with the dance following on October 18. This year's Homecoming Queen was Malia Roth, and the King was Collin Hulsmeyer. The Homecoming King and Queen, along with the members of the court, are pictured below. The dance featured a lively "Disco Time" theme, bringing students together for a fun and festive evening.



Left to Right: Maradath Engler, Clay Lusk, Emi Schuster, Logan Fichtner, Malia Roth, Collin Hulsmeyer, Marlie Hosey, Cole Brown, Briley Hildreth, & Jacob Wagner

POWDERPUFF

On October 16, the Wynford High School Student Council hosted a Powderpuff game. Each grade level could register ten female players and two male coaches. Games were ten minutes long, beginning at the 50-yard line, with touchdowns scored at the 20-yard line. The first matchup featured the sophomores against the seniors, with the sophomores securing a 21–14 overtime victory. Next, the juniors faced the freshmen, defeating them 21–7. In the championship round, the juniors triumphed over the sophomores with a final score of 7–0.



Seniors



Juniors



Sophomores



Freshmen

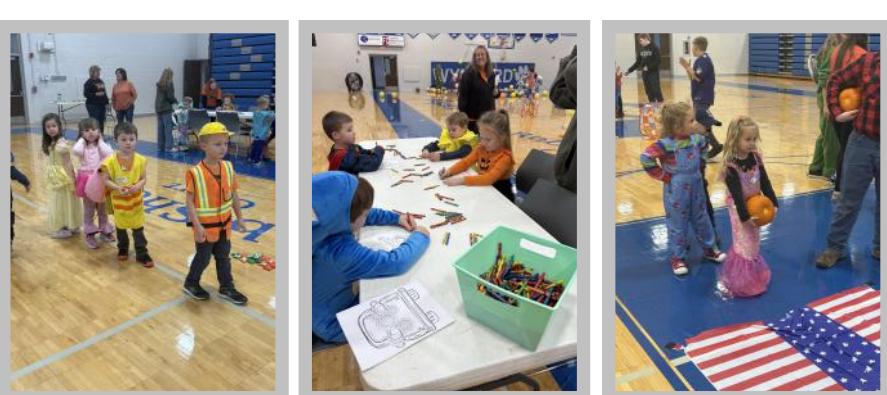
TRICK-OR-TREAT EVENT

On October 31, the Wynford High School Student Council hosted its annual trick-or-treat event for kindergarten and first-grade students. Each council member contributed a bag of Halloween candy, while additional bags of chips were provided by the council. During the event, student council members lined both sides of the hallways as the young students, dressed in their costumes, paraded through and collected treats. With more than a dozen trick-or-treat stations, every child had the opportunity to participate and enjoy the festive atmosphere. This event provided a fun and meaningful way for high school student council members to connect with the district's youngest students.



HALLOWEEN PRESCHOOL EVENT

The Student Council dressed up on October 31 and hosted stations for Wynford's preschool students in the spirit of Halloween. Activities included pumpkin bowling, net games, face stickers, and balloons. Fun was had by all. The preschoolers left with candy in hand and smiles on their faces.



FUN FRIDAY

The middle school student council is sponsoring several "Fun Friday" spirit days throughout the school year. The first was "Twin Day," held on Friday, November 14.



Grady Hinkle & Alex Reichard



Mr. Byrnes & Abby Bish



Emma Nigh & Noelle Love

MATTRESS FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, November 9, the Wynford Student Council and Band had a mattress fundraiser. There were 21 mattresses to choose from. Twenty-one mattresses were sold, and a total of \$4,500 was raised. The Student Council received \$4,000, and the band received \$500.





One Stoplight Town



The Wynford High School Drama Department wrapped up its fall production, *One Stoplight Town*, with three fantastic performances in November. This heartfelt play explored life in a small town, blending humor, drama, and reflection, and brought to life the quirks and stories of its residents through the incredible talent of Wynford students.

Audiences were treated to an engaging and memorable show that showcased the dedication and skill of our student performers. The cast, featuring students in grades 6–12, included: Adalee Butler, Trinity Buckley, Jamison Crall, Gwen Crall, Liberty Cooley, Gwen Collene, Karlee Dowell, Izabelle Enderle, Weston Gray, Lilly Hartman, Addyson Hoffman, Addilyn Kennedy, Brielle Lloyd, Shiloh Lepp, Aleah Mueller, Aniela Mueller, Jack Murrell, Carter Neumann, Dariana Perry, Clayton Postell, Aaron Rabun, Becca Ruth, Addison Sebring, Emma Shepherd, Olivia Stacklin, Brooklyn Stauffer, Clara Tomlin, Wyatt Tomlin, Peigelynn Whittum, and Ryan Wise.

Behind the scenes, our student technical crew worked to bring the production to life. Aria Sennet served as Stage Manager, and Jacob Wagner handled lights. The creative team, led by director Eden Spradlein, included Brandon Buck (Technical Design), assisted by James Buck, and Kathy Smock (Costume & Prop Design).

The Wynford community came together to support this wonderful tradition of theater excellence, and the performances were a testament to the hard work, talent, and creativity of every student involved. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew for a truly memorable production. Join us this March for a ghoulishly good time with our spring musical, *The Addams Family*! You won't want to miss it.

This performance was produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC., of Woodstock, Illinois. Photos courtesy of RisingVision Photography LLC.



Choir



The Wynford Choir had a wonderful and productive first semester filled with music, collaboration, and growth. Students spent the past few months strengthening the fundamentals of singing, including breath support, tone, blend, and expression, while also learning how to work together as an ensemble.

Our annual Pickwick Place Pumpkin Fundraiser was a success once again. Congratulations to our Top Sellers: Jaxon Branham (51 pumpkins), Brooklynn Porter (41 pumpkins), and Kenzlee Makeever (37 pumpkins). The sixth-grade class sold the most pumpkins overall, with a total of 259 pumpkins, earning a pizza and Just Dance party. Altogether, all choirs sold 725 pumpkins. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the program!

In October, several members of the high school choir had the exciting opportunity to attend the annual Honor Choir at Otterbein University. It was an inspiring day of rehearsals, learning, and performing with other talented students from across Central Ohio.

On December 16, both the middle school and high school choirs presented their Winter Concert. Our students showcased the progress they have made this semester, and we are so proud of their hard work and dedication. The Royal Singers also had a busy and rewarding season. They performed at the Bucyrus Public Library and helped support a fundraiser for one of our members who will be traveling to Europe. We look forward to continuing this momentum into the next semester and creating even more opportunities for music, community, and student growth.



High School Choir



Royal Singers



Cast and Crew of *One Stoplight Town*





Middle School Moments



Bristol Westrick



7th/8th Grade Choir



6th Grade Choir



6th Grade Choir



6th Grade Choir



7th/8th Grade Choir



7th/8th Grade Choir



7th/8th Grade Choir



Mr. Konkle

From the desk of Mr. Brent Konkle, Principal Grades 6-8



The 8th-grade class has done a great job of fundraising for their 2026 May Washington, D.C., trip. Chocolate sales profit is approaching the \$9,000 goal; this is the most in the last five years. In preparation for our 8th grade DC trip, each 8th grade student will complete a quarter class on Washington, D.C., taught by Mrs. Phillips. We are excited for the Wynford Class of 2030!

The Royal Way is our school's incentive program for all students in grades 6-8 which reinforces good behaviors and promotes making positive choices. Students earn reward tokens that are exchanged once a month for snacks and/or drinks. So far this year, our middle school students have exchanged over 400 tokens.

Participation in after-school athletics and clubs has grown again this year. The Middle School Student Council has been very busy preparing spirit weeks, canned food donation drives, and school spirit activities. Our band and choir concerts packed our auditorium to an almost standing-room-only crowd; congratulations on their successful winter concerts. Once again this year, the Wynford middle school art program displayed their talents and work at local businesses. The success of these middle school activities continues to build the work ethic needed to be successful in high school and life.

Thank you to the parents, businesses, and community members who support all students and staff here at Wynford; it is a great day to be a Wynford Royal!



Math



The Middle School Math Department kicked off the 2025 school year with Prodigy Playoffs between each class in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Prodigy is an adaptive math game that allows students to work at their level while practicing math content.

While the Prodigy Playoffs were running, Wynford Middle School was also competing in Prodigy's State Tournament. Wynford Middle School students answered 60,576 questions during the Playoffs and won the September state tournament against similar school districts in Ohio.

Every student received a bracelet, stickers, and keychains as part of their win. Wynford also received a banner that is hung in the middle school. The sixth-grade class that won had a pizza party to celebrate. More competitions are coming for 2026!



Mr. Weisenauer's Sixth-Grade Class—Winners of the 2025 Prodigy Playoffs



Science



On the second day of school, sixth-grade science students problem-solved to "Save Sam," while seventh-grade students engineered a perch to "Help Harry."



Mrs. Schafer's sixth-grade scientists kicked off their Soil Unit with a close look at red wiggler worms. They spotted some tiny eggs, observed many different sizes of worms, and noted the color and texture of the humus in the soil bin.





Middle School Moments



DARE



Sixth-grade students have started their last year of DARE with Deputy Martin. They are learning how the choices they make affect their minds and bodies. These life lessons also tie in well with sixth-grade life science and the topic of homeostasis. Thank you, Deputy Martin, for the informative and fun DARE sessions.



Cross Country



The Wynford Middle School girls' cross country team finished second at the N10 Championships, where several of our athletes earned conference honors.



MIDDLE SCHOOL N10 CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNER-UP
Left to Right: Lily Scott, Aubrey Pope (Honorable Mention All-N10),
Kaitlyn Messmer (1st Team All-N10), Bristol Westrick (2nd Team All-N10),
Madi Kiess (2nd Team All-N10), & Kylee Rowedda (2nd Team All-N10)

During the season, the girls' middle school team won two meets. They took first place at the Crawford County Meet on September 20, competing against all the schools in Crawford County, and at the Crestline Invitational on September 30.

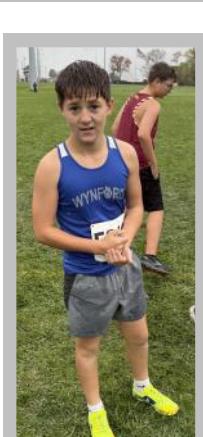


Crawford County Meet
Middle School Girls Champions



Crestline Invitational
Middle School Girls Champions

Declan Gebhardt represented Wynford at the seventh- and eighth-grade State Cross Country meet at Fortress Obetz on October 19. Declan ran a fast time in the pouring rain and on a muddy course.



Football



The Wynford Middle School 7th grade football team finished the season undefeated and won the 7th grade N10 Championship.



7th Grade Football—N10 Champions



Junior Teen Institute



Wynford Middle School students attended the Junior Teen Institute fall retreat to learn how to be leaders while promoting a drug-free life.



Left to Right: Emma Shepherd, Kyelyn Rowedda, Shiloh Lepp, Angie Caceres, and Shelby Richards



Middle School Athletic Awards



7th Grade Football



8th Grade Football



7th and 8th Grade Cross Country





Middle School Moments & Elementary Elements



7th Grade Volleyball



8th Grade Volleyball



7th and 8th Grade Cheerleading



The seventh- and eighth-grade bands had a great concert in November. They were able to show off their improvement and development as musicians.



Seventh Grade Band



Eighth Grade Band

From the desk of Mrs. Amy Taylor-Sheldon,
Wynford Elementary School Principal



Mrs. Amy
Taylor-Sheldon

Greetings from Wynford Elementary School! Another outstanding fall semester has passed at Wynford Elementary School. While much of our work, success, and fun continue on, our best new happening was the addition of Mr. Brad Powers, a Wynford alumni, as our new assistant principal here for preschool through fifth grade.

Mr. Powers brought three decades of experience from the helm of the Seneca East Local School District to guide the Royals to becoming our best selves. Not only has our new assistant jumped right into the classrooms and gotten to know our students, but he has brought with him experience in making changes to our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. He has enhanced our school-wide incentives by emphasizing our focus on Royal PRIDE by creating Students of the Month and individual rewards for staff recognition of those behaviors. Did you know that Royal PRIDE stands for...

- P- I will Persevere.
- R- I will show Respect.
- I- I have Integrity.
- D- I am Dependable.
- E- I believe Everyone matters.



Each month the homeroom teacher will select a student who most exemplifies those characteristics and recognize their contributions to our school. In addition, students who show PRIDE daily in their classrooms can be rewarded by any staff member with a blue ticket. Those daily affirmations of their choices go into a drawing at the end of each month for a visit to Mr. Powers office to receive their gift and praise for their performances in the classroom and the school environment. Every student recognized leaves the office beaming with PRIDE for how they are becoming the best Royals they can be.

Students of the month for October were Mila Brewer, Weston Bischoff, Jude James, Nora Kalb, Albany Martin, Myles Campbell, Mallory Bauer, Parker Haldeman, Gwen Yaussy, Ellie Heinlen, Zeb Klamfoth, Maren Mason, Connor Rice, Parker Nickler, Brayson Hall, Ryleigh Coonrod, Raelyn Mears, Kelton Buckley, Fynlee Ferris, Bria Ruth, Gibson Wilson, Evelyn Zeigler, Porter Allgyre, William Bell, Khloe Rice, and Carter Albright. Students of the month for November/December were Winslow Weisenauer, Anthony Albright, Emmett Rall, Silas Griffin, Collin Koehler, Layne McCleary, Kruse Stone, Alexandria Hutchins, Raelyn Allgire, Iris Kaiser, Zoe Ginn, Julieta Arellano Czares, Raelee Cox, Tucker Bischoff, Kennedi Book, Ryder Kissling, Lexi Bowser, AisLee Scott, Kolton Bond, Jacob Safford, Adam Martin, Owen Rivers, Max Bessinger, Emersyn Roush, Case Truman, and Richard Hartschuh.

Blue Ticket Winners for October were Barrett Mahl, Henry Hartschuh, Noah Barth, Karsyn Mullin, Kaden Frizzell, Divinity McKinney, Maize Lee, Watson Lewis, Arabella Harper, Emmett Pojman, London Hensley, Sadie Ritchie, Castelia Gatchel, Brantlee Garnow, Kennedy Hulsmeyer, Kinsley Stone, Naomi Musselman, Aubrey Cooper, Zack Johnson, Luke Bauer, Kayden Thompson, Addy Witten, Mia Gonzales, Natalie Merryfield, Jasmine Dickman, Garrett Ard, and Lilly Koehler. Blue Ticket Winners for November/December were Ellie Geiger, David Hawkins, Dallas Roberts, Kyler Hoy, Tanner Brady, Marshall Tuten, Beckett Russell, Blake Rebon, Winston Lewis, Layna Wagner, Dayveon McKinney, John Martin, Castelia Gatchel, Hazel Christman, Kinsley Mahl, Maverick Dyer, Luke Koehler, Emma Whitley, Bradley Brause, David Ospina, Waylon Van Houten, Meredith Messer, Greta Ferris, Carol-Lynn Phillips, Khloe Rice, and Zane Hensley.

The other big change for Wynford Elementary students this semester was our new connections to our community with the Fall Festival during the school day in October. As you can see in the following article and photos, over a dozen friends of Wynford Elementary came and shared their knowledge, experience, and fun from local agriculture and Wynford relationships. Some students had their first up-close-and-personal interaction with Mrs. Rose Hartschuh and a dairy cow! Another group made candles as if they were in the pioneer days with Mrs. Fern Engelhorn, a retired Wynford Elementary teacher. Many of our friends ate goat cheese





Elementary Elements



for the first time or handled animal skulls and fur pelts. So many wonderful interactions helped students learn about our community and its resources. We would love to show our gratitude and appreciation for all of our volunteers who came that day to educate our students with hands-on activities. We look forward to another one next October!

Thank you to all of the Wynford community for continuing to support this generation of elementary school students as they learn and grow every day to be the best Royals they can be. You will be so proud of what we are doing here to continue to show our PRIDE everywhere we go and make our community the best place to live, work and play.



Fall Fun Day



Wynford Elementary School students participated in their first school-wide Fall Fun Day on October 3, 2025, with the help of several community partners. The event celebrated the change of seasons, encouraged students to learn about the world around them, and provided hands-on experiences with pioneer living activities. We are so grateful to the many volunteers who shared their time and talents to help students learn about harvest time, candle-making and apple cider, local farm animals and products, what lives in our woods, and much more. A special thank-you goes out to Emily and Brian Hartschuh, Fern Engelhorn, Lynne Fisher, Lisa Bogard, June Gebhardt, Jeff Panovich, Chris Rothhaar, Sue Stiger, Norma Gebhardt, Diane Awbrey, Glenda Leuthold, Allison Cooper, Kendra Rose, Rose Hartschuh, Allison Brause, Courtney Hartline, Charles Smith, and Ethan Stuckey. Thank you for making the day such a memorable one! More pictures can be seen at <https://tinyurl.com/WESFallFunDay2025>.



Celebrations



BACK-TO-SCHOOL PEP RALLY, HIGH FIVE FRIDAY, AND QUARTER CELEBRATIONS

Wynford Elementary kicked off the year with big energy! The back-to-school pep rally featured senior athletes, cheerleaders, and band members who inspired students with messages of teamwork and Wynford pride. The school also enjoyed two “High Five Fridays,” during which junior high and high school students lined up outside the building to cheer on the Royals with high fives and fist bumps. Each quarter wrapped up with pep rallies celebrating students’ hard work and success. PBIS Students of the Month and Blue Ticket winners even had the chance to participate in the fun games. Wynford Elementary loves celebrating its students—every victory, every day!



Fire Safety



Each year, the local fire departments set a day for Fire Safety Day for our students. On October 6, 2025, as part of National Fire Prevention Week, members of several local fire departments visited Wynford Elementary. Topics such as stop, drop, and roll, fire safety, and family escape plans were explained, and students were invited outside to see fire trucks. We appreciate the support and thank Holmes Township VFD, Bucyrus Township VFD, Dallas Township VFD, and Lykens Township VFD for making this day possible.



Tree Lighting



Wynford Elementary School kicked off the holiday season on December 1 with the annual second-grade program and tree lighting. Mr. Charles Groth played several traditional carols on his piano, and students shared individual lines to usher in the holiday spirit. The second grade teachers and students shouted the countdown to light up the beautiful tree.

Soon after the Wynford PTO hosted cookies and hot chocolate with the community who enjoyed a visit from Santa. Thank you, Wynford families, for supporting our elementary music program and sparking the holiday spirit!





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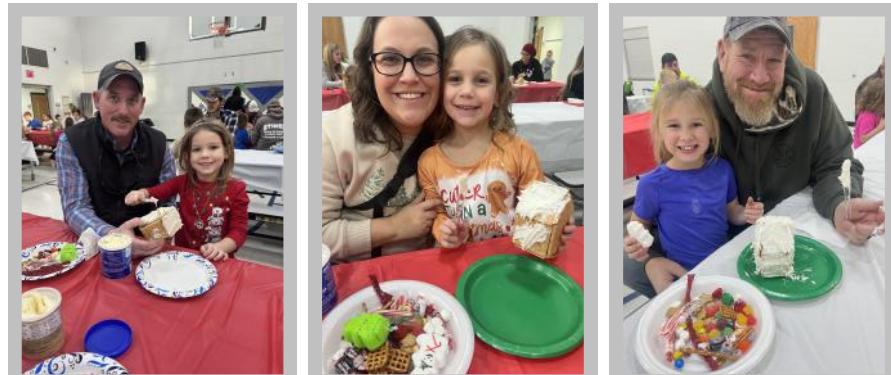


Activities



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students enjoyed a fun-filled Gingerbread Day after reading several gingerbread stories and learning about story elements. On Friday, December 12, each student invited a special guest to help decorate a gingerbread house. It was a day full of laughter, memories, and lots of sugar! Thank you to Mrs. Frey and the National Honor Society members for helping prepare and assemble the gingerbread houses.



December was full of warmth, laughter, and community in the first-grade classrooms! One of the most special events of the month was the Grandparents' Cookie Day. Grandparents were invited to join their first graders at school to bake cookies together—a sweet way to spend time and make memories. The cookies were then sold to students, with all proceeds going to the PTO to help offset the cost of upcoming field trips. Thank you to all the amazing grandparents and volunteers who made this event such a success!



In addition to cookie baking, students enjoyed several other festive December activities. Guest readers visited classrooms to share favorite winter stories, helping to spark a love of reading while celebrating the season. We were also grateful to the high school student council, who planned and led fun winter games for our younger students. The first graders loved the chance to play, laugh, and connect with their older schoolmates. Thank you to the families, volunteers, and students who helped make December such a joyful and meaningful month at school!



FIRST GRADE

The first-grade classes partnered with Crawford Reads 20 and Jeff and Karla Schiefer in September to bring a classroom book to life. "Waiting for the Biblioburro," by Monica Brown, tells the story of a Colombian teacher who rides a burro carrying books for three hours to reach remote villages so children can learn and grow. The students learned about caring for donkeys, brushed the donkeys, and chose a book donated by Crawford Reads 20. Thank you to Jeff and Karla Schiefer for bringing the donkeys to Wynford! More pictures can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/biblioburro2025>.



SECOND GRADE

The second-grade students brought holiday cheer to the community in December with their annual caroling to the friends of Wynford. Together with their teachers and classmates, they sang carols they learned in music class.





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THIRD GRADE

The third graders recently had a "Snow Tarp" lesson with Miss Lisa from the Crawford Park District. The students analyzed a pretend snowy scene that included animal tracks and other evidence left behind by people and animals. The third graders also got to touch and feel several animal skulls and pelts. Miss Lisa visits the third graders once each month! The third graders have set up and watched trail cameras in the Royal Woods and learned about trees! Our third-grade classes are looking forward to lessons about rocks and minerals, GPS units, and natural resources in the second half of the year.



FOURTH GRADE

Students in Mrs. Coffman's ELA classes read the novel *Because of Winn Dixie* and had a party to celebrate friendship just like in the story. Students dressed up as characters from the story and enjoyed peanut butter sandwiches, pickles, Dump Punch, and Littmus Lozenges...just like in the book!



Fourth graders in Mrs. Shirley's class celebrate on Friday—Fri-Yay Awards. Students and teachers nominate each other when they see their peers demonstrate great leadership skills and Royal PRIDE around the school and classroom.



FIFTH GRADE

Fifth-grade students in Mrs. Jones' social studies classes spent September 19 learning about the American flag, including its history, meaning, and proper etiquette. They also practiced raising, lowering, and folding the flag in preparation for caring for Wynford Elementary's flag this school year. A huge thank-you goes out to Mr. Curtis Wright from the Bucyrus American Legion for sharing this information with the students.



Food Service



The Wynford Food Service Department has been busy at the elementary school this year. They started a "Fun Day" to celebrate each month, or sometimes two. In September, they celebrated Chocolate Milk Day by having students sign a large card for our milkman, John, and our order clerk, Mel. Both John and Mel enjoyed their cards, and the students enjoyed signing them.



Students signing a card for our milkman



Milkman Mel



Left to Right: Brooke Stockmeister, Dawn Kennedy, Tonya Russell, & June Hurst

October began with Apple Crunch Day. On October 7, everyone received apple slices, and all the students "crunched" together. The month ended with the elementary school ladies celebrating Halloween. Shhh! Do not tell anyone that a celebrity chef was in the kitchen that day to help the ladies.

In November, the traditional Thanksgiving Meal was served. On Friday, November 14, 2025, the elementary students participated in a survey during lunchtime. The students were introduced to a "new" vegetable. They were served jicama sticks. Jicama is an edible root from a plant in the bean and pea family. It is white in color and tastes like a cross between a water chestnut and a potato, with a crisp texture similar to an apple or pear. Some describe its flavor as slightly nutty. Jicama is commonly found in Central America.

When the students arrived for lunch, they were given a few sticks of jicama and a few sticks of carrots. After sampling both, they returned to their classrooms and reported to their teachers which option they preferred. Amazingly, jicama won the taste test, with 137 students choosing it over the 100 students who preferred the carrot sticks. The staff was pleasantly surprised by the results and hopes that the students enjoyed trying something new. December concluded with the Christmas Dinner and National Cookie Day.



Wynford Academic Boosters

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A big THANK YOU of support goes to last year's membership:

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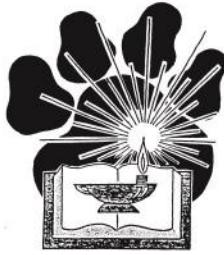
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Wynford Academic Boosters was organized during the 1985-1986 school year. The membership is made up of parents, faculty, staff, business and professional people, and relatives and friends of Wynford students. As our membership grows, we will be able to accomplish more by recognizing and encouraging academic growth among the students of the Wynford School system.

Wynford Academic Boosters

2025-26

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PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

As stated in the constitution and by-laws, the purpose of the Wynford Academic Boosters shall be:

- To act as a support group to the Wynford School system in recognizing and encouraging academic achievement.
- To encourage communication among the school, the home and the community concerning the students' academic life.

MEETINGS

The Wynford Academic Boosters meet the second Monday of every month (as needed) at 7:00 PM in the high school. Anyone interested in the work of this organization, as well as members, are invited to attend. Meetings are posted on the Wynford Academic Boosters Facebook page.

WYNFORD ACADEMIC BOOSTERS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Wynford Academic Boosters, Wynford High School, 3288 Holmes Center Road, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820



Wynford Academic Boosters



The Wynford Academic Boosters would like to congratulate all fall student athletes on a great season. We wish good luck to all winter student-athletes as they are already midway through their season!

The vision of the Wynford Academic Boosters is to support and encourage academic and athletic excellence in all Wynford athletes. Continued support from the community helps make this possible. We encourage and invite all parents, supporters, and community members to the monthly meetings. Involvement and participation are key to helping the boosters be a successful organization for our students. Meetings are typically held on the

first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Updates can be found on our Facebook page, Wynford Academic Boosters.

Wynford Academic Boosters are proud to announce that once again, all home high school games that are played in the Dr. Michael A. Johnson Gymnasium will be available to view live for free on Hudl. The link is available on our Facebook page, or by using the website, www.team1sports.com and searching for Ohio and Wynford High School. Go Royals!

Wynford Academic Boosters are excited to announce the First Annual Purse Bingo! This event will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Tickets are going fast, so please reach out if you're interested in a ticket for \$35, which includes two Bingo cards and dinner, OR a table for eight costing \$320, which includes three bingo cards per person, reserved seating, and dinner. We are looking forward to this new event!

Our annual Reverse Raffle will be held on August 22, 2026. Tickets are \$100, and you receive two meal tickets and a chance to win \$5,000. NEW this year: you can attend the raffle for \$35 for just a meal ticket for fellowship and side raffle chances, this ticket does not let you win the \$5,000. More information will be mailed soon, and updates will be posted on the Facebook page. Please plan to attend our upcoming meetings, as this event, as well as many other topics, will be discussed.

Wynford Academic Boosters Officers (Clint Cooper - President, Mike Prenger - Vice President, Alisha Shade - Treasurer, and Melissa Pope - Secretary)

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Wynford Education Foundation

The Wynford Education Foundation (WEF) supports educational projects and programs in the Wynford district that go beyond the general fund. Contributions to the WEF are invested in an endowment fund, and the interest earned is used to provide grants for enriching classroom experiences. To date, the WEF has awarded over \$215,000 in grants to support learning opportunities for students. We are excited to announce and congratulate the recipients of the 2025 Grants:

- Lesley Hayman**—Entry Fee and Buzzer System for Academic Challenge
- Rebecca Prenger / Project MORE**—Reading A-Z Subscription, 12 Pack of Headphones
- Tonya Kimmel**—Morning Tubs and Supplies for Tubs
- Laura Rall**—Morning Tubs and Supplies for Tubs
- Tracy Frombaugh**—Morning Tubs and Supplies for Tubs
- Lori Teglovic**—Instructional Materials for Reading and Math
- Kayla Stacklin**—Supplies to create a Fine Motor/STEM Center
- Katie Geiger**—Instructional Materials for Math and Literacy
- Carolyn Heacock / WES Reading Team**—Reading Series Three Book Set and Teacher Guides
- Melissa Pope**—Math Games and Practice Cards to "Bridge the Gap"
- Malorie Heinlen**—Set of Books Aligned with the New Science of Reading Standards
- Jenny Massey**—Scholastic News Subscription (Print Copy and Digital Resources)
- Amanda Veith**—Teacher Subscription to BrainPOP Jr.
- Alicia Westbrook**—Light Coverings
- Sally Ruth**—Recycling Bins/Tubs
- Douglas Lillo**—Oak Art Display Case for Three-Dimensional Art Displays
- Kelsie Frey**—STEM Solar Robot Kit and Klutz Lego Gear Bots
- JoLyn Williams**—Hands-On STEM Kits
- Scott Rabun**—Various Lab Equipment for General Chemistry and CCP Chemistry
- Julie Rexroad**—Various Lab Equipment & Supplies for Physical Science, Multiple Discs for Planetarium Projector, Baskets for Activities, Cart with Wheels, Three 10-packs of TI30 Calculators
- Krista Richmond**—Games for History of Arts Classes
- Cindy Schiefer**—Classroom Set of *Freak the Mighty*
- Megan Outland**—Various Lab Equipment and Supplies for Biology and Anatomy & Physiology, Cost of a Bus to take a Field Trip to Cadaver Lab
- Rachel Stucky, Aaron Weisenauer, Dhana Vercrusse (Middle School Math Department)**—Purchasing Rewards and Incentives for Math Achievements
- Kerri Vaughn**—Headphones Classroom Set
- Megan Caulder**—Time and Money Activities, Timers, Sensory Tools, Calculators
- Eden Spradlein**—Boomwhackers Set

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of the Wynford community. If you are interested in becoming a part of the WEF Board, please contact Crystal Jennings at jennings.crystal@wynfordroyals.org. Your contributions make a significant impact! Support from the community—whether on Giving Tuesday through The Community Foundation for Crawford County or throughout the year—is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us enrich our students' educational experiences!





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