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**HARDCOPY** 





#### Message from the Superintendent





Mr. Forrest Trisler Superintendent

We have had an awesome first semester of the 2023-24 school year! I'm a very proud and happy superintendent based on what I've seen so far this school year students, our staff, administrative team. There are awesome people in the Wynford Local School District that make our schools a special and student-centered place. We have terrific students and families, and I'm very thankful for our community at large. Parents and community memberswe all appreciate the work you do at home so that our students and teachers can focus on doing their best work daily!

I always like to use this time of year's newsletter to update you on our district's three goals for the school year and our progress on those.

- Goal 1 is to continue our focus of Diploma+ Acceptance culminating with Royal Signing Day for seniors at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2024. Last year's inaugural Royal Signing Day was a fantastic success with 100% of the class of 2023 having gained acceptance to a two or four-year college, career/ technical education or apprenticeship, an in-demand highquality job, or enlistment into the U.S. Armed Forces. Mrs. Ashley, our high school counselor, is working hard with the class of 2024 on their acceptance plans already this semester! In addition, we are looking to jumpstart our work with acceptance by partnering with Pioneer Career Center next year to launch career exploration coursework with our seventh and eighth-grade students. We are excited about the career exploration class possibilities and the benefit they will be to help students consider career pathways in some of our region's most in-demand career fields: agriculture, construction trades, manufacturing, information technology, and health care.
- Goal 2 is to establish a Wynford Portrait of a Graduate and a Strategic Plan. We are currently partnering with the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center, Battelle for Kids, and other area districts on this important work. The process is just getting started, and we look forward to sharing this work with you!
- Goal 3 is to focus on the district's finances, facilities, and personnel to make sure that we are using district resources wisely and taking care of students and facilities the best we can.

A celebration to note from last year's goals is that our Wynford Early College Academy has 67 students taking over 120 College Credit Plus Courses (CCP) here on campus, and the pathway to earn an associate's degree is set up for Wynford students. This will save students college coursework and time toward a degree and also save parents money!

Thank you for your continued support of Wynford Local Schools! The entire staff and I wish you a fantastic second semester and new year.



# **Board of Education**



As part of School Board Recognition Month, we are shining the spotlight on our school board members for their commitment to launching Ohio's next generation. Thank you to the dedicated leaders who serve on our local school board! They play a crucial role in the education of our children. Please join us in saying "thank you" this month.



Scott Langenderfer
Mark Johnson
Levi Hartschuh
Brett Ridge
Matt Stahl



#### Class of 2025 Prom Fundraiser





Don't miss out on these great designs including a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary design. Order your Wynford gear at <a href="https://wynfordclass2025fundraiser.itemorder.com/shop/home/">https://wynfordclass2025fundraiser.itemorder.com/shop/home/</a>, and support this year's prom! There are also toddler and youth sizes, ladies wear, hats, and drinkware. The sale closes on Monday February 5, 2024. The items can be shipped to you for a fee or picked up at the school for free!



#### **Wynford App**





# It's Everything Wynford,

#### in your pocket.

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#### 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, Meal Time, Parent Access, notifications, and much more.























# **District Information**





#### **Preschool & Kindergarten** Screening





Preschool screening for those interested in attending Wynford's Preschool for the 2024-2025

school year will be held in April. All those wishing to attend preschool need to attend a screening. Keep an eye on the website, social media, and around the school for more details and how to sign up in the coming weeks. Remember, if you have concerns for your child's development in any area (speech, fine/gross motor, behavior, adaptive skills), you can schedule a screening at any time throughout the year. If you have a child you would like screened due to concerns in development, please contact Preschool Supervisor Kim Pachis at pachis.kim@wynfordroyals.org.

Wynford residents who have a child that will be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2024, will need to 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 1, 2024. Kindergarten screening will be held in August for Wynford resident students NOT currently attending Wynford Elementary Preschool. All students currently in Wynford Elementary Preschool will be screened for kindergarten during the school day during the 2023-2024 school year. Sign ups for kindergarten screening for Wynford residents who currently do not attend Wynford Elementary Preschool will be released on our website, social media pages, and app on April 1, 2024.

Requirements for kindergarten are as follows:



- Immunizations: 5 doses DPT; 4 doses polio; 2 doses - MMR; 3 doses hepatitis B; and 2 doses chickenpox. 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

We can't wait to meet the Wynford Class of 2037!



#### **Parent Notifications**



The following items are posted on our website at www.wynfordroyals.org:

PPRA Notice and Consent/Opt-Out for Specific Activities Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary



#### **Partners in Education**





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#### Free & Reduced Meals





Wynford Food Services would like to remind everyone that if you have had a Free/Reduced Meals 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 <a href="https://wynford-oh.finalforms.com">https://wynford-oh.finalforms.com</a>, or print one from our website at <a href="https://5il.co/1aabb">https://5il.co/1aabb</a> 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@wynfordrovals.org.



#### **Immunizations**



Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2024-2025 school year are required to have a Tetanus booster (Tdap) and Meningococcal vaccine before school starts in August.

Students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2024-2025 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.

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 <a href="https://5il.co/h8jz">https://5il.co/h8jz</a> or on our website www.wynfordroyals.org under Menu—For Parents— Forms for Parents—Immunization Exemption Form. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Johnston at johnston.michelle@wynfordroyals.org.



#### \flat School Delays and Closings 🦫



School delay and closing information is available on our website www.wynfordroyals.org, the Wynford App, our Facebook page

"Wynford Royals," and @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 rapid notification service. Voice messages are sent for cancellations and delays, and text messages are sent for other school updates. For students, the phone numbers are collected in the Rapid Notification Form in FinalForms. 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.



#### **FinalForms**



Parents, please remember that FinalForms needs to be completed each year for students at both the elementary school and middle school/high school. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign all school forms for your students electronically. If you have not completed and signed your student's forms for this school year, they need to be done ASAP. 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 <a href="http://wynford-oh.finalforms.com">http://wynford-oh.finalforms.com</a> to complete and update ALL forms if you have not done so already this school year.



























# **District Information**





#### **Veterans Day**



The Wynford High School Student Council and National Honor Society joined together and prepared a breakfast for local veterans on November 10, 2023 in the Wynford Community Center. The event opened with the Wynford High School Silver Chamber Choir singing "The Star-Spangled Banner", and then, elementary students presented a program on the branches of the United States military and gave tributes to Veterans while the Veterans were eating. The walls and tables were decorated with crafts created by Wynford Elementary students. The Veterans were then invited to attend the flag raising ceremony at the front of the elementary building. The flag was raised by a group of fifth graders. The entire student body recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang "The Star-Spangled Banner". The second grade sang "You're a Grand Old Flag" and students read tributes to Veterans with thanks for their service to our country. The program concluded with Mr. Buck playing "Echo Taps" with a moment of silence. Mr. VanBuren and Mr. Starr went to various classrooms to talk about military life. Thank you to all who participated to honor our Veterans.















#### **Bus Drivers**



Thank you to all our bus drivers for the outstanding work they do every day in safely transporting our students to and from school and events!



Left to Right: Linda Lutz, Nikki Skidmore, June Welsh, Karen Schafer, Monica Boggs, Rhonda Scott, Jay Keller, Paul Stahl, Matthew Siekbert, & Tom Baum



#### **OSBA Media Honor Roll**



Wynford Local School District recently named Will Beard (WQEL), Randy Bigley (Crawford County Now), Gere Goble (Bucyrus Telegraph Forum), Brian Hemminger (The Daily Chief-Union), and Lonnie McMillan (The Daily Chief-Union) to the Ohio School Boards Association 2023 Media Honor Roll. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Media representatives from more than 100 Ohio newspapers and radio and television stations were honored by their local school districts.

Criteria for selection by the local school districts include the media representative's efforts to get to know the superintendent, board president, and district mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of "no surprises" by sharing information with school officials.

"OSBA is pleased that so many school districts around the state participated in the 2023 Media Honor Roll program," said OSBA Chief Executive Officer Rick Lewis. "OSBA joins those districts in congratulating the honorees and thanking them for fairly and accurately reporting on the successes of students, teachers and school boards, as well as conveying the many challenges they face."

OSBA sends personalized certificates to school boards to help them honor reporters, editors and news outlets. OSBA also recognizes the honorees in its Journal magazine and on its website.

Founded in 1955, OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio's public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service, unwavering advocacy and creative solutions.



Brian Hemminger & Lonnie McMillan



Randy Bigley & Will Beard

























Mr. Donald A. Miller







On November 10, 2023, the Wynford Community, lost a very cherished former principal and coach. Mr. Don Miller was hired in the early 1960's to serve as the principal of four elementary buildings: Nevada, Lykens, Holmes Liberty, and

Mt. Zion, all of which became Wynford School District in 1963. He then went on to serve as Wynford High School principal from 1978 until retiring in 1988. Don proudly dedicated his time as an assistant football coach for 15 years. Following his retirement, Don was present at almost all football and basketball games over the last several decades, always cheering on the Royals and offering support to the various coaching staffs and athletes. Don's love for Wynford was almost unmatched, and he will be greatly missed by all.



# From the desk of Mrs. Julie Miller, Principal, Grades 9-12



Mrs. Julie Miller

I hope that everyone was able to find time over the holiday break to relax, unwind, and celebrate with your loved ones. As we resume the 2023-2024 school year, we are starting the second semester. The students and staff are continuing to work hard both in and out of the classrooms to provide a positive school culture.

With the beginning of a new calendar year, testing season is right around the corner. The teachers continue to prepare the students for success on these tests as

well as in the classroom. We encourage parents to monitor student progress through the use of the Progress Book. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the teachers or administrators if you have any questions or concerns.

With the winter season upon us, we invite and encourage each of you to attend one or more of the many games, meets, matches, concerts, and other activities that are taking place at Wynford High School. Go Royals!!



From the desk of Mrs. Shelli Ashley, School Counselor Grades 9-12



Upcoming important dates:

- January 24, 2024 Sophomores visit Pioneer
- February 15, 2024 FAFSA work sessions with a financial aid officer (Sign ups will be sent out with times during parent/teacher conferences)
- February 27, 2024 Juniors take the ACT (No School for Grades 9, 10, or 12)



#### **National Honor Society**



#### **NEW MEMBER INDUCTION**



The Wynford National Honor Society held its induction ceremony for new members on October 30, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The second-year National Honor Society members led the ceremony and welcomed fourteen 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: Elle Cassaro, Justin Chandler, Jacob Jennings, Drew Johnson, Addison Lust, Dawson Pelter, Seth Pope, Weston Prenger, Kyna Rothhaar, Adalyn Schaaf, Nathaniel Schiefer, Marty Schuster, Gretchen Shade, and Adison Stuckey.



WYNFORD HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
Standing Left to Right: Nathaniel Schiefer, Justin Chandler, Adison
Stuckey, Marty Schuster, Gretchen Shade, Jacob Jennings, Addison Lust,
Dawson Pelter, Adalyn Schaaf, Weston Prenger, Ellie Cassaro, Drew
Johnson, Kyna Rothhaar, & Seth Pope
Sitting Left to Right: Grant McGuire, Elaina Korner, Nathan Rabun,
Cassandra Kurek, Natalie Johnson, Mackenzie Jones, Elyssa Roberts,
Malia Ervin, Ruby Stone, Emily Goldfuss, & Linnea Gerlach

#### **CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

The Wynford National Honor Society used some of their fundraising money to purchase Christmas gifts for local students in the district. They had fun shopping for clothing, games, and snacks. Later, they wrapped and delivered the Christmas gifts for local students.













#### **Makerspace**



This semester in the Makerspace students have been able to complete the following projects: 3D prints, Cricut design projects, photo editing, digital drawing projects, laser engraved items, sewing projects, robot coding and constructing, sublimation prints, and heat press projects. The Makerspace was also fortunate to receive grants from the Wynford Education Foundation for a new heat press to use in conjunction with the sublimation printer and Cricut as well as robots that the students can construct themselves and code to run.































## **High School Choir**



The Wynford Choirs had an exciting start to their school year. They kicked off the year with their annual pumpkin fundraiser with The Pickwick Place in Bucyrus. It was very successful with them selling 502 pumpkins. In February, the choir will be selling butter braid pastries which will be delivered just in time for Easter! All money raised will go towards choir supplies and future trips.

The Wynford High School Choir had many opportunities for performances this semester. They were asked to record the fight song for the elementary pep rally and sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" at volleyball games and the breakfast for Veterans.

The Royal Singers had also been preparing for their concert. They had the chance to go Christmas caroling at local nursing homes in Bucyrus on December 15. The students had an amazing time sharing their talents and spreading some Christmas cheer!

The spring concerts are scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2024. The middle school concert will start at 6:00 p.m., and the high school concert will starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Wynford Auditorium. We look forward to preparing our music this next semester, and we hope to see you there!



High School Choir Singing the National Anthem



**Royal Singers Caroling** 



#### **FCCLA**





The annual Pioneer District FCCLA Leadership Conference was held on November 8, 2023. Students traveled to Mid-Ohio Conference Center where they heard from keynote speaker

Karrie Davisson. Ms. Davisson spoke about forming the most positive journey through life. Students then attended breakout sessions over life skills. Eleven different schools were in attendance which allowed students to meet people from the entire Pioneer district. Mrs. Jennings also taught a breakout session over homemade cooking made easy where she demonstrated how to make chicken fried rice.



Left to Right: Cassandra Kurek, Conner Bloomfield, Cade Farrell, Jade King, & Addie Dunford



#### **Teen Institute**



On September 21, 2023, Wynford High School Teen Institute (TI) traveled to Schines Art Park to participate in the 2023 Youth Rally. The TI members were treated to lunch and Mark's Homemade Ice Cream. They were able to participate in multiple games and activities with students from all over the county. The students were part of an active presentation where they found out about the dangers of alcohol and substance abuse. They were educated on making smarter choices in their lives. A DJ was also present to play popular music and line dances for the students.









#### **Amish Country**



On November 14, 2023, students in Wynford's Food Science and Agriculture Business Management classes traveled to the Amish Country in Holmes and Wayne Counties. Students visited The Ashery General Store to learn about different spices and bulk foods. They then traveled to Heini's Cheese Chalet and Kauffman's Bakery. At Heini's, students observed the cheese making process and were able to learn about the vast variety of cheeses offered, including cream cheese fudge. At Kauffman's bakery, students were able to take a look into the bakery's kitchen to see the impact going gluten free might have on a bakery. They were also able to browse all of the different baked goods that were offered for sale. Then, they traveled to Lehman's Hardware Store and the World Craft store. Lehman's was a fun visit for the students to see all of the items they had for sale. At World Craft, students were able to look at and learn about fair trade products. Overall, the day was a huge success.





























#### Art



The Wynford High School Art III and IV students created a wraparound design to decorate a Salvation Army Christmas collection kettle as part of a contest sponsored by the Salvation Army. Junior Drew Nigh and seniors Ivan Butler and Trinity Gramley each created designs for the project. Mr. Lillo's students collaborated with the Salvation Army of Bucyrus community connector and project coordinator Kelly Ely. Wynford High School Student Ivan Butler drew the design that was selected to be painted on the collection kettle and was the winner of The People's Choice Award.



Left to Right: Ivan Butler, Trinity Gramley, Drew Nigh, & Mr. Doug Lillo





Freshmen Brooklyn Stauffer, Ava Fadley, and Haliegh Pifer, talented Wynford art students from Mr. Lillo's Art I classes, created works selected to be displayed at the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center in Tiffin, Ohio. Their paintings were displayed through December 19, 2023, at the 928 West Market Street, Suite A office. A special thank you is also extended to Mr. Robert Stone and the Wynford Maintenance Department for their support and assistance with the show! Paintings from top to bottom by Brooklyn Stauffer, Ava Fadley, and Haliegh Pifer.





#### **Interact Club**





The Interact Club kicked off the year with new officer elections with the following results: President Cassandra Kurek, Vice President Addison Sebring, Treasurer Dawson Pelter, and Secretary Marlie Hosey. Class representatives that take the role of encouraging

member participation and serving as chairs on committees include freshman Ava Fadley, sophomore Dana Hurst, juniors KJ Kotalik and Cooper Jury, and seniors Nate Rabun an Malia Ervin.

From September through November, the Wynford High School Interact Club, Bucyrus High School Interact Club, and Bucyrus Rotary Club competed to see who could collect the most pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio. Wynford High School Interact Club collected 40 pounds with Bucyrus High School Interact Club collecting 27 pounds and the

Bucyrus Rotary Club collecting 22 pounds for a total of 89 pounds of aluminum tabs.

World Interact Week was October 30 through November 3, 2023. Money was raised each day for World Polio Day. On Monday of World Interact Week, all Wynford Interact Members wore their blue Interact Club shirts and a picture of the club was taken.



On Tuesday, students were able to dress up for Halloween for a dollar with the proceeds going towards the purchase of Thanksgiving meals for families in the district. The members also attended the Bucyrus Rotary meeting where the Wynford Interact Club was presented with the "Service Above Self Award" from the Rotary District 6600 governor.



"Service Above Self Award"

On Wednesday, students made cards for nursing home residents, and on Thursday, students made dog and cat toys to donate to the humane society during their activity periods. Finally, on Friday, everyone wore purple. The color purple is significant in Rotary's fight to end polio.



In November, Interact Club members picked up complete Thanksgiving meals

and delivered them to families in our own Wynford district. In December, club members went shopping for the families that they adopted for Christmas, helped get the Rotary float ready for the Bucyrus Santa parade, and rang the bell for the Salvation Army. Thank you to everyone that participated in our projects so far this school year.







#### **Spanish**



In November, Spanish II and III visited the Mi Cerdito restaurant to use their Spanish conversational skills and enjoy the Mexican cuisine. Spanish students also gained cultural perspective by learning to make pupusas, a traditional food from El Salvador, in class.







































Spanish II and III Piñata Project

Golf





WYNFORD BOYS GOLF - SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS Left to Right: Drew Johnson, Micah Greene, Jaxon Vance, Weston Prenger, Dawson Pelter, & Briar Ridge



WYNFORD GIRLS GOLF - N10 TOURNAMENT RUNNER-UP Left to Right: Caroline Sheldon, Emi Schuster, Rylee Robinson, Maggie Ridge, Heather Wappelhorst, & Willa Johnson

#### **Post-Season Awards**





**Brooke Frombaugh** 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-N10 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Dist. VI Volleyball



Zoe Whitmeyer Honorable Mention All-N10 Volleyball



Kenna Caldwell Honorable Mention Dist. VI Volleyball



Caroline Sheldon Golf



Rylee Robinson Golf



Willa Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-N10



Weston Prenger



Micah Greene 1st Team All-N10



Briar Ridge 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-N10 Golf



Dawson Pelter 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-N10 Golf



**Drew Johnson** Golf



Kaiden Blair 1st Team Defense All-N10 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense Dist. VI 2nd Team All-Ohio Football



James Rindfuss 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense All-N10 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense Dist. VI Hon. Mention All-Ohio Football



Kalen Skidmore 1st Team Offense All-N10 1st Team Defense All-N10 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense Dist. VI Lineman of the Year Dist. VI Football



Anthony Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offense All-N10 Honorable Mention Dist. VI Football



**Evan Wright** 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offense All-N10 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense All-N10 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense Dist. VI Football



Bryce Locker 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense All-N10 Honorable Mention Dist. VI Football



Ashton Warren 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense All-N10 2nd Team Defense Dist. VI Football



Chandler Elchert onorable Mention All-N10 Football



K.J. Kotalik Honorable Mention All-N10 Honorable Mention Dist. VI Football





Football





Wynford Varsity Football Team - After 1<sup>st-</sup>Round Playoff Game Victory



















# **Wynford FFA**



#### **JURY CAMPGROUND MEETING**

As summer came to a close, Wynford FFA was able to look back at how much they were able to accomplish as a chapter in just a few short months. The summer was filled with fun, laughter, and excitement that was shared between each and every one of its members.

On June 5, 2023, the chapter had its summer meeting at Jury Campground. They participated in many games and activities to strengthen their bond as a chapter. Most notably the annual upperclassmen versus underclassmen wiffle ball game. They played many other games as well as going down the famous slide. Altogether, it was a fun meeting and a great way to kick off the summer.

#### **2023-2024 OFFICER TEAM RETREAT**

Every year the new officer team goes on a retreat to help build leadership skills, teamwork, and trust. This year they went to Hocking Hills. On day one, they traveled just south of Logan, Ohio and did a hike through some cliffs. They went shopping for food, and they eventually made their way to their cabin. That night, they had meetings and played games in the house. They started off the next day at a local ropes course, forcing some of them to quickly get over their fear of heights. Later that day, they played games, swam in the pool, and had meetings.

On the last day, they had a quick wrap-up meeting before packing up to head home. This experience is universally loved by the officers and generates some of the best FFA memories. On this retreat they not only built lasting friendships, but they planned for a whole year of success.



FFA Officer Team on the Ropes Course



Left to Right: Marty Schuster, Mallorie Williams, Addie Lust, Emi Schuster, Marlie Hosey, Brock Saam, Elaina Korner, Ivy Schifer, Keke Rothhaar, Nate Schiefer, & Seth Pope

#### **CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIR**

This summer Wynford FFA was very proudly represented at the 2023 Crawford County Junior Fair. The Crawford County Fair was held from July 17 - July 22, and many FFA members stood out as top exhibitors. They took on a wide variety of projects including horses, swine, sheep, goats, cattle, poultry, and department one

demonstrations. This year they also worked a couple shifts in the cattlemen's stand at the fairgrounds to help show support for local farmers.

Additionally, they saw great success with their small animal barn that they run. They had a menagerie of animals and would like to thank the following people: West Side Feed for bedding, Burkhart Farm Center for feed, Larry Nigh for the pony and donkeys, Hord Livestock for the piglets, Eagle Nest Poultry for the chicks, ducks, and turkey poults, Schiefer Livestock for the goat kids, Red Barn Farms for the calf, and Brynn Brunner for the rabbit. Without these people, the barn would not be possible.



#### FROMBAUGH GOLF OUTING

On August 5, 2023, a few members served food at the Golf Club of Bucyrus for the Nick Frombaugh Memorial Golf Scramble. Every year the Wynford FFA helps to run the scramble because Nick Frombaugh was an important supporter of the Wynford FFA. The donation received helped to pay for the charter bus seats for the 2023 National FFA Convention. Thank you to everyone who helped serve food and came to support the Frombaugh family.

#### **POOL PARTY MEETING**

On August 28, 2023, the Wynford FFA chapter had its annual start-of-year pool party. They had food, played games, and swam. This meeting allows older and younger members to socialize outside of school and form new friendships. It is also a great way for new members to feel included in the organization. This is always one of the most liked meetings and is fun for everyone who attends.



#### **SOIL JUDING**

On September 28, 2023, our FFA chapter participated in the county soil judging contest. This contest decided who would represent the chapter at the district and state levels. On October 3, 2023, they competed at the district soil judging contest with both our rural and urban teams moving on to state. The rural team placed fouth with Kayne Butler placing in the top ten. The urban team placed second with Nate Schiefer, Marty Schuster, and Jaime Essick placing in the top ten. The members of the state rural team were Joey Tuck,



Soil Judging



# **Wynford FFA**



Joshua Rindfuss, Marlie Hosey, and Kayne Butler. The members of



our state urban team were Marty Schuster, Jaime Essick, Clay Lust, and Nate Schiefer. The state contest was held on October 14, 2023, in Lancaster, Ohio. The rural team placed 19<sup>th</sup>, and the urban team placed 23<sup>rd</sup>. This contest allows all members to learn about soil conditions that can help them later in life. Soil Judging can prepare you for something as big as starting your own farm to smaller things like how to manage your landscapes.

#### **FORESTRY**

On September 21, 2023, the FFA chapter participated in the District 2 Forestry Contest. In this contest, participants must complete four tests. The tests are timber cruising, knowledge, general tree identification, and chainsaws. This contest is a great way for students to learn all about the timber industry. The Wynford team placed first overall with three members in the top five. Those members were first place Nate Schiefer, third place Seth Pope, and fourth place Evan Wolfe.



#### **CHICKEN BBQ**

On October 7, 2023, the Wynford FFA held its annual Chicken BBQ. The work starts in the morning as students prepare the chicken for cooking outside on the pits. Throughout the day, the students bag rolls, scoop our homemade coleslaw into containers, and load bags with utensils and cookies. Late in the afternoon, the community members can come pick up their meals from the students. This fundraiser is almost entirely student run and is loved by our members and our community. We would like to thank our loyal community members for their continued support. They truly make this day a success.





#### HARVEST DAY

Wynford FFA held its annual Harvest Day for the Wynford kindergarteners on October 13, 2023. This day is always looked forward to by the kindergarteners and the high school students who run it. Harvest Day consists of nine stations that the kindergarteners rotate between throughout the day. Each station has its own lesson to be taught, all regarding agriculture. The nine

stations were the straw olympics, yard memory, bingo, apple print pumpkin craft, corn sensory pit, tile slide, pumpkin painting, pumpkin relays, and a petting zoo. At the straw olympics, the kids had to complete an obstacle course made out of straw bales. Yard memory was a game where students had to match different cards up by memory. Next, they played bingo with different farm animals. The apple print pumpkin craft is a coloring contest where the best coloring sheet won some candy. At the corn sensory pit, they learned about the crops they see every day and how they are used. The tile slide was a fun way to learn about different types of farm equipment. Pumpkin painting was a craft activity where they learned about pumpkins. The pumpkin relays were done on foot and on pedal tractors, and the winning team received some candy. At the petting zoo, the kids learned about horses, cows, sheep, pigs, chickens, goats, donkeys, and puppies. The kindergarteners also ate lunch out on the football field with the high school students.

At the end of the day, everyone had a lot of fun and learned a lot about agriculture. The success of this day will definitely be replicated with future kindergarten classes in the coming years. We would like to thank the following people for making this day possible: Crystal Jennings, the Hartschuh Family, Ivy Schifer and Family, Larry Nigh, Seth Pope, the Lust Family, the Vaughn Family, the Rindfuss Family, and all of the high school students that led stations or groups.







# **Wynford FFA**

#### **WEST HOLMES FALL INVITATIONAL TRAP SHOOT**

On Saturday, October 28, 2023, a group of members from the Wynford FFA Chapter competed in the Silver Dollar Gun Club's West Holmes Fall Invitational trap shoot contest. The team of members featured Drew Pope, Seth Pope, Kyle Pope, Logan Wright, Clay Lusk, and Shayne Teynor. The team placed second in the contest led by Clay Lusk who shot 42 out of 50 clays. Congratulations to our boys, and thank you to all who have assisted in helping with the logistics of traveling and competing.



Left to Right: Drew Pope, Seth Pope, Kyle Pope, Logan Wright, Clay Lusk, & Shayne Teynor

#### **NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION**



Avery Langenderfer American FFA Degree

On Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 11 students from the Wynford FFA Chapter, alongside members of the Buckeye Central, Colonel Crawford, Lucus, and Margaretta FFA Chapters, traveled on a tour bus to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 96<sup>th</sup> annual National FFA Convention and Expo. Students toured multiple facilities on the first day and began the journey to Indianapolis. The first tour took place at the Shawk sheep barn in Bucyrus, Ohio. Following the tour, members embarked on a tour of Pickwick Farms. For their third and final tour of the day, members traveled to Huntington University in Indiana. Once the tours were completed,

members experienced a thrill at the Indy Scream Park. On the following day, the group attended the opening ceremonies at the convention center and observed the career show. Later, students visited Fair Oaks Dairy for another tour and enjoyed a dinner at Golden Corral. On Friday, members traveled back to Lucas Oil Stadium to attend the fourth session. After the session, the students traveled to the Indianapolis 500 Museum and the Indy 500 track for a tour. Then, the members had a wild ride at the World's Toughest Rodeo. On the last day of the convention, students watched Avery Langenderfer, a 2022 Wynford FFA Alumni, walk across the national stage and receive his well-deserved American FFA degree. The group then traveled home with memories to last a lifetime after an exceptional and successful National Convention.



Back Left to Right: Addison Sebring, Dana Hurst, Brock Saam, Avery
Langenderfer, & Hayden Langenderfer
Front Left to Right: Taylor Gilliam, Conner Bloomfield, Keke Rothhaar,
Elle Cassaro, Malia Roth, & Collin Hulsmeyer



JOB INTERVIEW

On November 5, 2023, four members competed in the District 2 Job Interview Contest. The contestants participated in a mock interview and were scored by how well they prepared themselves as well as other various criteria. There were four divisions based on grade level. Our division 1 freshman was Erin Wolfe who placed second. Our division 2 sophomore was Brock Saam who placed eighth. Our division 3 junior representative was Marty Schuster who placed ninth. Lastly, our senior in division 4 was Addie Lust who placed fifth. This contest is very competitive and helps our students prepare for real-world interviews in the future.



**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE** 

On November 9, 2023, members of the Wynford FFA Chapter competed in the County Parliamentary Procedure contest. This contest featured both advanced and multiple novice teams. The novice teams consisted of freshmen in the Ag. 1 class. These teams gathered at Wynford High School and competed against each other. On the same day, the advanced team, which consisted of Elaina Korner, Brock Saam, Emily Schuster, and Addison Sebring as members, Ivy Schifer as Secretary, and Marlie Hosey as President, competed in their county contest, which took place at Buckeye Central High School. Wynford's advanced team placed second in the county and progressed on to the sub-district contest. On November 14, Northmor High School hosted the sub-district contest. At this contest, the Wynford FFA chapter had both one novice team and one advanced team competing. The advanced team placed fourth in the contest and the novice team placed third.



NOVICE TEAM
Left to Right: Tristan Vance,
Addie Dunford, Erin Wolfe, Alivia
Ritzler, Avalynn Rawdon, & Lily
Laipply



ADVANCED TEAM
Left to Right: Ivy Schifer, Brock
Saam, Marlie Hosey, Emi
Schuster, Elaina Korner, &
Addison Sebring



















# Middle/High School Yearbook





# **2023-24 WYNFORD ROYALÉ** Yearbooks on Sale

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Attention Students and Parents of the Class of 2024,

It's that time of year to start gathering photos for the senior pages of the 2023-2024 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 March 22, 2024. They will be submitted via a Google form sent to each student's Wynford email. All photos need to be turned in by May 3, 2024.

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 black and white photo can be either portrait (vertical) or landscape (horizontal)
  - Two color photos
  - 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 main image will

be black and white. If a black and white photo is unavailable,

please indicate which image you wish to be turned black and

white. 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 enders.todd@wynfordroyals.org or call 419-562-7828 ext. 114. 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.

























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#### Frozen Jr.



In November, the Wynford Drama Department presented *Frozen Jr*. This production was specifically for our middle school students, allowing them to step into bigger roles and giving them a moment to shine. The cast, crew, musicians, and production team were excited to perform this well loved Disney production.

The show is a story of true love and acceptance between sisters. Frozen Jr. expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, Frozen Jr. can thaw even the coldest heart!

The cast featured Makenah Watkins (Elsa), Paige Sheldon (Anna), Jack Murrell (Kristoff), Aaron Doezema (Hans), Brody Sias (Sven), Briella Bennett (Olaf), Jamison Crall (King Agnarr/Oaken), Clara Tomlin (Queen Iduna), Rachel Klamfoth (Young Elsa), Sarah Martin (Young Anna), Aria Sennet (Middle Elsa), Aniela Mueller (Middle Anna), Karter Blair (Weselton), Chloe Stone (Pabbie) and Gwen Crall (Bulda). The ensemble of Townspeople, Hidden Folk, Summer Chorus, Oaken's Family, and Snow Chorus included Shelby Bowser, Addison Rabun, Breylee Clark, Whyatt Dowell, Eden Rose, Karlee Dowell, Emma Shepherd, Kadence Stone, Izzy Enderle, Addilyn Kennedy, and Mia McKenzie.

The show included four seniors who have been a part of the Wynford Drama Department for many productions and were able to assist with direction of the show. The seniors were Nathan Rabun (Assistant Director), Cassandra Kurek (Choreographer), Abbigayle Rupe (Stage Manager), and Aubrey Hastings (Backstage Assistant). The crew included Jacob Wagner, Orion Ezzell, Weston Gray, and Brielle Lloyd. The production and the vocal music was directed by Eden Spradlein. Set construction and the technical director was Brandon Buck with costumes and props by Kathy Smock.















The Cast and Crew of Frozen Jr.























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





The eighth-grade class has done a great job of fundraising for their Washington, D.C. trip. Chocolate sales and walk-a-thon totals are approximately \$6,000 dollars; this averages out to over \$100 per student off their trip. In addition to our students working hard raising money for their trip, the Wynford Class of 2028 has been blessed by the Mount Zion Community Church with donations totaling around \$1,500. The Mount Zion Community

Church reached out to Wynford Middle School to help individual students that may not be able to afford such a trip; in addition, the Mount Zion Community Church has pledged to purchase two tshirts for each student to support every student on our Washington, D.C. trip. Thank you for the commitment from the Mount Zion Community Church and the rest of the Wynford community in supporting our students in their mission to visit our nation's capital.

LEADS is our school's incentive program that reinforces good behaviors and promotes making positive choices. Students earn reward tickets that are entered into drawings quarterly. So far this year, our middle school students have received over 30 sweatshirts and 30 t-shirts for their commitment to Wynford.

Participation in after-school athletics and clubs has grown again this year. Our band and choir concerts pack 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 that support all students and staff here at Wynford; it is a great day to be a Wynford Royal!



#### Mrs. Schafer





Mrs. Cathy Schafer

Mrs. Schafer, Wynford Middle School science teacher, took her 'Education is training the mind to think' approach to The Ohio Middle Level Association teacher conference at Kalahari on November 9-10, 2023. Mrs. Schafer taught a breakout session to teachers from all across Ohio. Mrs. Schafer has been a Wynford educator for 29 years with her main focus being in the science field. Mrs. Schafer's hands-on approach with many labs

and experiments throughout her career have made a huge impact on our students. During her presentation at Kalahari, Mrs. Schafer's topic was "Landing the Plane with Science Labs" which focused on how teachers can use hands on approaches to science labs, data analysis, and problem solving with their students. Thank you Mrs. Schafer for presenting at The Ohio Middle Level Association and your creative lessons here with our Wynford students.



#### From the desk of Mrs. Tiffany Roush, School Counselor Grades 6-8



#### Welcome, Rachel Ritzhaupt, PS-8 School Social Work Intern



Hello! My name is Rachel Ritzhaupt, and I am a graduate student at the Ohio State University. I graduated from Ohio State with my bachelors in Social Work, and I went on to become a licensed social worker. I am now working on my masters in social work to be able to further my education and career in this field. For my masters program, I am working with Wynford Schools as a social work school

intern, shadowing Tiffany Roush and Amy Safford. This is an important experience in my education as I learn the ins and outs of school counseling and counseling youth.

I am a Crawford County native, living in Bucyrus from 2017 to 2022. I went to high school at Colonel Crawford, which is something I try to keep a secret while interning at Wynford. I currently live in Upper Sandusky, but I plan to move back to Bucyrus soon! I work for Community Counseling and Wellness Centers as a counselor for all ages, and it is something I have become very passionate about!

A fun fact about me is that I used to live in Illinois until I was 16. We moved to Ohio the summer before my junior year of high school. My dad was also a Crawford County native, and it was his dream to see me graduate from Colonel Crawford just like he did! It was my dream to graduate from the Ohio State University. We made both our dreams come true!

#### Pioneer Career & Technology Center Trip (Grade 8)

The eighth-grade class had the opportunity to travel to Pioneer Career & Technology Center in November to tour 27 of the 33 programs. This tour allowed the students to visit each program for a few minutes to hear current Pioneer students present on their trade. The students were able to see many students in action doing masonry, industrial electrical work, processing beef jerky and packaging, home remodeling, and many, many more. As students get into high school, a second tour opportunity will be given where they can focus on three programs of their choice to help them decide if Pioneer is the right fit for them. Below are some pictures of the trip to Pioneer. If you had an eighth grader attend this tour, ask them the following questions to engage in conversation about their future:

- What programs were the most interesting to you and why?
- Did anything surprise you from the tour?
- Are you interested in attending Pioneer?
- If you do not want to attend Pioneer, what are some things that you would like to do after graduation?







JTI (Junior Teen Institute)

Marion-Crawford Prevention Programs (MCPP) is an Ohio certified non-profit organization funded in part by the Crawford-Marion ADAMH Board. MCPP is a primary prevention agency that provides prevention programming to Marion and Crawford counties. Our foremost target audience for programming is middle school and high school aged youth.

























JTI (Junior Teen Institute) is a group of students who were nominated as great leaders for the school and community. The program is designed for eighth-grade students. The group of students attending a weekend leadership conference to learn skills to become better drug-free leaders in their schools. The students then bring back the things they learned and provide preventative awareness about making positive choices to their peers as well as opportunities to have drug-free fun.

One of the fun events that is planned for the upcoming months is a skit targeted for first and second-grade students where the eighthgrade JTI members provide drug-free education and skits to teach the youth about the dangers of drug and alcohol use. This event is called Hands on Museum and is an annual event supported and funded through the MCPP.



**Classroom Guidance Lessons** 

#### Sixth Grade

The sixth-grade students learned about organization at school and home. Here are some tips and tricks that were discussed with your child:

#### 1. Use of the planner

- Record homework, project deadlines, tests, and extracurricular activities. Set reminders to ensure nothing is missed.
- Update it regularly and keep it in an accessible place.

#### 2. Create a study/homework schedule

• Designate specific times for homework, studying, and relaxation. Consistency in a study routine helps manage time effectively.

#### 3. Organize Your Backpack, Locker, Folders and Study Space:

- Clean out your backpack, folders and locker regularly. Keep only the essentials to avoid clutter.
- Have a dedicated study area at home. Keep it tidy and well-stocked with necessary supplies.

#### 4. Prioritize Tasks:

• Learn to differentiate between urgent and important tasks. Tackle high-priority assignments or the hardest assignments first to avoid last-minute stress.

#### 5. Break Down Big Tasks:

• When faced with a large project or assignment, break it down into smaller, manageable tasks. It'll make it less overwhelming.

#### 6. Use Color-Coding:

 Assign colors to different subjects or tasks. Use color-coded folders, notebooks, or highlighters to easily distinguish between them.

#### 7. Take Notes Effectively:

• Develop a note-taking system that works for you. Highlight key points, use bullet points, and summarize information for better retention.

#### 8. Use Technology Wisely:

• Utilize apps and tools to aid in organization. Tools like Google Drive, Evernote, or Trello can help manage tasks and keep notes in order.

#### 9. Review and Plan Ahead:

 At the end of each week, review what you've accomplished and plan the upcoming week. This habit helps maintain focus and prevents last-minute rushes.

#### 10. Get Adequate Sleep:

• A well-rested mind functions better. Ensure you get enough sleep each night to stay sharp and focused during the day.

#### Seventh Grade



The seventh graders learned about stress management. Kids of all ages can benefit from the conversations of how we can identify our life stressors and how we manage those stressors in appropriate measures. Kids in today's world are facing multi-levels of stress including but not

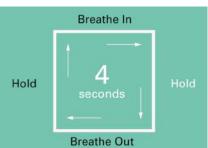
limited to: demands of school work and expectations, home-life conflicts and/or family dynamics, friendship problems, relationship issues, health and wellness, safety, etc.

Here are some tips and tricks that may help with your child:

#### 1. Mindfulness and Breathing Exercises

• Practice deep breathing or mindfulness exercises to relax the mind. Breathing exercises can help reduce stress and increase focus.





#### 2. Time Management

Create a schedule or to-do list to manage time effectively.
 Prioritizing tasks and setting realistic goals are important to avoid feeling overwhelmed.

#### 3. Physical Activity

• Engaging in physical activity or sports will help release endorphins, which can boost mood and reduce stress. Go for a walk, ride your bike, shoot basketball hoops with some friends, play fetch with your dog, etc.

#### 4. Healthy Lifestyle

• Eat nutritious meals, get adequate sleep, and make sure you are drinking enough water. A healthy lifestyle contributes to better stress management.

#### 5. Talk about it

• Talk to a trusted adult, friend, or counselor about your stress. Sometimes sharing your feelings can help reduce stress levels.

#### 6. Hobbies and Relaxation Techniques

• Engage in hobbies or activities that you enjoy, such as drawing, reading, listening to music, or playing a musical instrument. These activities have shown to act as a stress reliever.

#### 7. Mindset shift

• Practice positive thinking. Try to reframe negative thoughts into positive ones. Focus on what you can control versus what you cannot. Every morning, think of three things you are grateful for.

#### 8. Limit Screen Time

• Limit your screen time (TV, phone, computer) and use of social media. Excessive screen time can contribute to higher levels of stress and increase childhood depression and anxiety.

Remember, stress is a normal part of life, but learning how to manage it effectively is crucial. Experiment with these techniques and find what works best for you.

#### Eighth Grade



The eighth-grade students had a three-day classroom lesson through Pioneer Career & Technology Center on Ohio Means Jobs. Ohio Means Jobs is Ohio's free, online career

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counseling center that connects businesses to job seekers and provides career services. As a child under the age of 18, the students are guided to create a profile and take a career interest survey, which then produces an abundance of information for them in regards to career clusters, educational opportunities and research, and potential outlooks for each career. This three-day event is guided by one of the employees through Pioneer Career Center and is used throughout their high school career as a guiding system for their future.



#### Science



Sixth-grade science students in Mrs. Schafer's classes focused on Earth Science this fall as they worked with rocks, minerals, and soil. Students conducted tests to determine mineral properties. They made observations of different types of rocks as they learned about the rock cycle. The worm bin is a perennial favorite as the students learn about soil composition and layers, and the students looked at different soil types and experimented with soil permeability.













Seventh-grade students in Mrs. Schafer's science classes enhanced their study of the hydrologic cycle along with biotic and abiotic factors by constructing aquatic pods. Students used journals to record the progress of their plants, snails, and goldfish in the pods. They ended the unit with a trip to the Royal Woods in search of biotic and abiotic factors.





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The seventh-grade students in Mrs. Schafer's science classes also learned about chemical reactions.









#### **Reality Store**





During the seventh-grade reality store event on November 2023, 17, had students the opportunity to try out Deputy Stahl's fatal vision goggles which simulate alcohol Deputy impairment. Stahl put the students through field sobriety tests and also gave them the opportunity to try out some sports activities while wearing goggles.



# **History of Arts**



One of the eighth-grade quarter classes is History of Arts. This year, the class is designed to study the history of board games. The students start out learning about the earliest game pieces (a form of dice) and work their way through to present day board games. Throughout the quarter, students are given the opportunity to learn to play different games: dice games, "Senet", Backgammon, Chess, Battleship, Mancala, and others as the quarter progresses. In 1750, Benjamin Franklin wrote, "The game of Chess is not merely an idle amusement...for life is a kind of chess...competitors or adversaries to contend with...by playing at Chess then, we may learn." This class is always fun to teach and the students are surprised at how much they enjoy playing board games vs. computer games!





















#### **Middle School Choir**



The Wynford Choirs had an exciting start to their school year. They kicked off the year with their annual pumpkin fundraiser with The Pickwick Place in Bucyrus. It was very successful selling 502 pumpkins. In February, the choir will be selling butter braid pastries which will be delivered just in time for Easter! All money raised will go towards choir supplies and future trips.

The Wynford Middle School Choirs had their concert on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. With outstanding support from our families and community, they had a packed auditorium that evening. The sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade students had been preparing their music since August for this concert. Their hard work definitely paid off as it was a great

night of music.

The spring concerts are scheduled for Tuesday May 14, 2024. The middle school concert will start at 6:00 p.m., and the high school concert will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Wynford Auditorium. We look forward to preparing our music this next semester, and hope to see you there!



6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir



7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir



#### **Middle School Athletics**





8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE VOLLEYBALL - N10 TOURNEMENT RUNNER-UP Left to Right: Aubrey Brewer, Ellie Griffin, Kate McGuire, Coach Madison Coffman, Bri Brown, Emma Goldy, Natalie Adams, Alyssa Lawrence, & Addison Shade



7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE VOLLEYBALL - N10 TOURNAMENT RUNNER-UP
Front Left to Right: Miley Massey, Brooklynn Merritt, Jayla King, Paige Sheldon, Ilynn
Lutz, Makenah Watkins, & Natalie Leiss—Middle Left to Right: Ava Stuckey, Myla
Schaaf, Joslynn Hensley, Ellie Nash, Rylan Burris, Lillyan Fogle—Back Left to Right: Coach
Tacsha Ridgeway, Briella McClintock, Sydney Holbrook, Eden Cassaro, Olivia Angel,
Paityn Knapp, Naiya Ridgeway, Gillian Spore, Tess Spore, & Liberty Cooley



8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Athletes



MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
N10 CHAMPIONS
Left to Right: Megan Young, Aubrey Ritzler, Olivia
Hensel, & Emily Stauffer - (Missing - Chloe Stone)



7<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Athletes





















# **Elementary Elements**





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





Mrs. Amy Taylor-Sheldon

#### Season's Greetings from Wynford **Elementary**

Wynford Elementary School is a super busy place this time of year! As the end of the semester approaches, the midway mark of the calendar has arrived, and many events take place with all of the academic benchmarks and winter activities.

In English Language Arts and Math, the staff has been measuring the performance of our students in those two categories on the iReady

test which is the gauge we use for noting progress and charting interventions for student goals. Our integrated phonics curriculum in much underway with students using motions and sounds to break down basic reading and spelling skills along with reading small groups so that every student at Wynford Elementary School in grades K-3 is making progress as readers. We are learning daily about new ways to help every child to be a successful reader. Using a tool, at no cost to the district, is now being implemented in grades 3-5 for ELA, math and fifth-grade Restart Readiness benchmarks student growth and knowledge for the upper grade levels for teachers. The teachers use those assessments to pace and reteach the curriculum in those three areas.

However, it's not all business at Wynford Elementary. The second nine weeks brings a lot of cross curricular activities as well. Lowe Volk Park District brought a variety of activities and seasonal nature presentations to engage students. Fourth grade students had archery lessons in PE classes. Miss Lisa brought her turkey for primary grades, and all kinds of creatures are part of fall and early winter integration for exposure to nature. Kindergarteners have been on the search for the Gingerbread Man, and third graders went bowling for their hard work in ELA fall testing. Music along with PTO hosted the second grade program along with a visit from Santa and cookies and hot chocolate. First grade hosted guest readers for holiday books and fun, and preschool loved making their winter art projects as well. Finally, fifth grade participated in a new fundraiser to supplement funding for spring activities with Camp NuHop. Fifth grade students are also participating in ROX and Youth Max in small groups for leadership and relationship skills. The Student Lighthouse Team along with PTO raised over \$1200 for a donation to St. Jude Hospital in honor of one of our fifth grade students, Sydney Smith, by selling candy cane grams.

There is a lot going on here with the mini Royals. We look forward to resetting goals and rejuvenation from the holiday break to be ready for a great 2024 and second semester. Happy New Year from Wynford Elementary School!



Candy Grams ready to be passed out by the Student Lighthouse Team



#### **First Grade**



First graders enjoyed a fall field trip to Lehners Pumpkin Farm. They participated in many fun activities such as learning about soils, types of pumpkins, farm to table, went on hayride, and picked a pumpkin from the patch.



















During the month December, the first graders had several special guest A few of the readers. readers were Klamfoth, Tiniel Nickler, LeAnn VanBuren, Steve Mohr, Amber Mills, Norma Schifer, and Carla Seif.



Tiniel Nickler





5th Grade Camp NuHop at Wynford



























# **Elementary Elements**









Norma Schifer Clairee the Jingle Bell Elf

LeAnn VanBuren









#### **Big Brother / Big Sister** Club



Once a month, students from third, fourth, and fifth grade went to Mrs. Geiger's kindergarten class to do activities. Big Brother/ Big Sister club allowed big kids and little kids to form relationships and work together throughout the year. Every session included a craft, snack, and a game. Mrs. Geiger's class can't wait for more fun in 2024!









## **Fire Safety**



Each year the local fire departments set a day for Fire Safety Day for our students. On October 17, 2023, as a part of National Fire Prevention Week, members of several local fire departments visited Wynford Elementary. Students were introduced to a firefighter in full turnout gear so they are familiar to the appearance and sounds of a rescuer. Topics such as stop, drop, and roll, fire safety, and family escape plans were explained, and students were invited outside to see firetrucks. We appreciate the support and thank Holmes Township VFD, Bucyrus Township VFD, Dallas Township VFD, Lykens Township VFD, and Wyandot East Fire District for making this day possible.

































# **Elementary Elements**





#### **Third Grade**



In September, the Wynford third graders visited nine different locations and presented snack baskets and thank you cards to employees in recognition of 9/11. The visits included five local volunteer fire departments, the State Highway Patrol, Bucyrus Police, Bucyrus Fire, and the Crawford County Sheriff's Department. At each stop, the third graders got to spend around fifteen minutes learning about the equipment and the job of each employee. All of the snack basket recipients were very grateful!













In November, the Wynford third graders celebrated the end of fall testing and the first quarter by going bowling! The students were thankful for a morning of action at Suburban Lanes. We have some great bowlers!







#### **Fourth Grade**



Fourth grade students in Mrs. Coffman's ELA classes spent the first several weeks of school completing a book study of the story "Because of Winn Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo. Students used the book to learn more about story elements like characters, setting, and plot, as well as uncovering various themes throughout the book. As a wrap up to the unit, students created individual projects to share with the class and celebrated with a Winn Dixie party where they were able to dress up as a favorite character from the book.











#### Winter Fantasy of Lights



On December 6 and 12, the PTO sponsored a trip that took our elementary students on a school bus through Upper Sandusky's Winter Fantasy of Lights. The students rode through the 33 acre light display while listening to Christmas carols and eating candy canes. A big THANK YOU to our PTO for this unique holiday opportunity that allowed our families to enjoy a wonderful light display. Approximately 160 students and chaperones took part in this festive trip.























#### Wynford Academic Boosters 4



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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

#### 2023-24

#### Officers

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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.
- the home and the community concerning the

#### MEETINGS

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

Scholarship Winners (2023): Chevenne Dunford, Jack Gatchel Jordyn Alspach Alexis Stevely Emma Steiger Samantha Hickman Clareese Prenger Emma Hensel

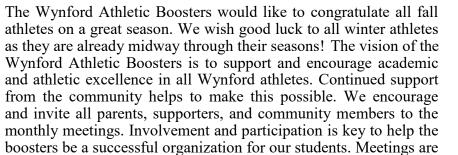


- Sponsored the High School Honors Night and provided academic letters, pins, medals and plaques for qualified high school students.
- Sponsored the Junior High Honors Night and awarded academic medallions
- Provided awards for elementary honor students
- Funded a student to Buckeye Girls State Funded a student to the Hugh O'Brian Leadership
- One time ACT fee reimbursement to high school
- Supplied plaques for each member of the National Honor Society.
- school buildings to use for academic incentives and

#### WYNFORD ACADEMIC BOOSTERS MEMBERSHIP FORM ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ BLUE GRAY Membership at \$10.00 Membership at \$25.00 ROYAL Membership at \$50.00 SILVER PAW Membership at \$150.00 or more Send this form (with payment) to

Wynford Academic Boosters, Wynford High School, 3288 Holmes

#### **Wynford Athletic Boosters**



The tentative date for our annual Reverse Raffle is August 10, 2024. Tickets are \$100, and you receive two meal tickets. More

typically held the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Updates can be found on our Facebook page, information will be mailed in March, as well as on the Facebook page. Please plan to attend our upcoming meetings, as this event, as well as many other topics will be discussed. The officers President Chad Filliater, Vice President Mike Prenger, Treasurer Alisha Shade, and Secretary Melissa Pope wish you all a very happy, healthy, and blessed Holiday Season and New Year!

#### **Wynford Education Foundation**



The Wynford Education Foundation (WEF) is in place to supplement educational projects and programs in the Wynford district that aren't supported in the general fund. All contributions to the WEF are added to the endowment fund, where the funds are invested resulting in interest earnings being made available for grants. To date, the WEF has granted over \$197,000 in grants back into our classrooms. Please join us in congratulating the recipients of the 2023 Grants.

If any community member is interested in participating in the WEF Board, please contact Crystal Jennings at jennings.crystal@wynfordroyals.org. We look forward to having interested participants join the board. Any and all support received from the community on Giving Tuesday through The Community Foundation for Crawford County, or throughout the year, is greatly appreciated!

| Teacher          | Grant Description   |
|------------------|---|
| Doug Lillo       | Display Case for 3-D Artwork  |
| Katie Mays       | Two Computer Mice, Two Headphones, and Two Scientific Calculators   |
| Scott Rabun      | Laboratory Equipment (Go Direct SpectroVis Plus Spectrophotometer, Cuvette Rack, Thermocouple, Mini Magnetic Stirrer, pH Buffer Capsule Kit, 25 mL Graduated Cylinder Package, Ninhydrin Solution, The Money & The Hunter Demo, Air Puck Physics Kit, Laser Refraction Tank, and Introductory Optical System) |
| Julie Rexroad    | Science Lab Equipment (Flammable Equipment<br>Cabinet, Signal Flag Set, Secchi Disc, Nautical Knot<br>Tying Kit, Gypsum, Chert, Mineral Crystal Shapes<br>Set, Universal Indicator Solution, Steel Ball<br>Assortment, Density Cube Set, Fluorite Specimens,<br>and Quartz Specimens)                         |
| Krista Richmond  | Games for the History of Board Games Quarter Class (Mancala, Chess, Catan, Guess Who, Trouble, Aggravation, Mall Madness) and 50 copies of <i>The Invisible Thread: A Young Reader's Edition</i> by Laura Schroff   |
| Cathy Schafer    | Cardboard Trays, Human Skeleton Model, and<br>Periodic Table of Elements  |
| Cindy Schiefer   | Set of 75 novels of <i>Stargirl</i> by Jerry Spinelli   |
| Angela Smith     | Storage Solutions for Social Emotional Learning Activities  |
| Rachel Stucky    | Items for the Sewing Club (Rotary Cutting Sets,<br>Cricut Cutting Mats, Storage Box for Embroidery<br>Floss, and Thread Storage Containers)   |
| Kelsie Frey      | 5 in 1 Heat Press for the Makerspace  |
| JoLyn Williams   | Eight Robotic Kits for the Makerspace   |
| Lydia Edler      | Letter of the Week Pocket Chart   |
| Vicky Wurm       | Magnetic Write & Wipe Board   |
| Tami Burgess     | Stem Supplies (Toothpicks, Packing Peanuts, Play-<br>Doh, Wooden Craft Sticks, Paper Cups, Foam Pattern<br>Blocks, Dominoes, Legos, KEVA Contraptions Plank<br>Set Wooden Pattern Blocks, Coodoo Magnetic<br>Blocks, and STEM Explorers Pixel Art Challenge)  |
| Brittany Cooper  | Paint Dobbers, Online Access to Education.com   |
| Melissa Pope     | Standing Desk, Privacy Shields, and Vocabulary & Comprehension Skill Games  |
| Angela Heacock   | Two Standing Desks  |
| Tracy Frombaugh  | Supplemental Materials to Reinforce Phonics,<br>Language, Phonological Awareness, and Word<br>Recognition   |
| Kayla Stacklin   | Chair Pockets   |
| Dawn Schaaf      | Starfall license, an interactive website for math and reading skills  |
| Lori Teglovic    | Items to reinforce the Science of Reading Curriculum (CVC Sight Word Activity, Alphabet Sound Tubs) and Sturdy Storage Bags   |
| Shelly Kocher    | Class Set of Round Floor Cushions   |
| Kelly Haldeman   | Online subscription to Speech Therapy Toolbox   |
| Traci Coffman    | Grade Level Set of Books from the "I Survived" series from Scholastic Books   |
| Alicia Westbrook | Classroom set of seat sacks (chair pockets) and privacy folders   |



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