What’s New from the Principal?

Happy Friday!
This has felt like a long week, hasn’t it? Fun fact! This is the first five day week that we have had this entire second semester. We made it to Friday! :) Parents, we have made some stricter policy adjustments regarding safety in the hallways that we would like your help reiterating to your child(ren). Cell phone usage, earbuds, and hats/hoods are not allowed in the hallways. Students found breaking any of these policies will be sent to our Behavior Coordinator to either give up their item, serve a lunch detention, phone call home, or combination of those. Safe zones for phones and earbuds are in the lunch room only: breakfast and lunch. The hallways and bathrooms are always off limits.

NWEA testing has finished up today. We are planning to announce the winners of the competition between FMS and SMS by Thursday next week. The winning school will have their award party on Friday, March 8th during 6th and 7th periods. Students who will be able to participate in the party would have needed to meet their growth goal for at least one of the four content areas. Regardless of whether we win the competition or not, students will be able to put their names in the raffle for awesome prizes given out on Friday.

Changes are coming to Wayne-Westland. We need your input on right-sizing the District. Please join us at one of the following meetings:

3:45 pm on Tuesday, March 5 at Marshall Upper Elementary School library
3:15 pm on Wednesday, March 13 at Adams Upper Elementary School library
6 pm on Wednesday, March 13 at Franklin Middle School library
7 pm on Thursday, March 14 at Stevenson Middle School library
The discussion will include school closings.

Dr. Holt has put together a new video including important district updates called This Month In Wayne Westland (TMIWW). To view the video, click HERE.

Sincerely,
Principal Doman

Quote of the Week:
“If it doesn’t challenge you, it doesn’t change you.”

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Birthdays!
February 23 - March 9th:
Luke A.  Dominic N.
Jonah H.  Kiersten W.
Peyton H.  Nikhi L.
Jaden B.  Doyinsayemi A.
Gabrielle D.  James G.
Michael J.  Mya H.
Nolan F.  Arionna D.
DeShawn M.  Kemp K.
Cameron S.  Sereniti O.
Kaitlyn C.  Jack T.
Isabella P.  Daniel B.
Faith C.  Shayna C.
Tyrell D.  Jaden M.
Sophia L.  Jordan P.
Aidan B.  MaLaya P.
Edward G.  Anthony N.
Madison P.
Da’veion S.
Michael M.
Jodie C.
Jazzmin M.
Domynic M.
Troy M.

Staff
Birthdays!
February 23 - March 9th:
Stephanie Boytim, Abbie Scott, Bryan Paquette
Watch the WSMS Student News!

If you want to watch the Stevenson Daily News, the same news the students watch, please email Mr. Wagner at Wagnerb@wwcsd.net. This may give you a chance to see your child on the news!

Yearbooks!

Do you want to have a lasting memory of the school year? The Stevenson Yearbooks orders are on sale now. This would make a great gift for the Holidays. Please visit ybpay.lifetouch.com to order a yearbook. Prices start at $24 and can be upgraded to include a personalized cover as well as hard cover. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cosgrove.

Battle of the Books 2019

The battle of the books is hosted by the Westland Library. Students must have their own transportation to and from the Westland Library. It will be Thursday April 25th from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Westland Library. Dinner will be served for participants and their families. There will be teams from Stevenson and Franklin competing for the trophy and the prizes by answering questions in a buzz in trivia fashion.

The books that will be used this year are…..

Ghost by Jason Reynolds
Crossed by Kwame Alexander
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

If you are interested, please come see Ms. McComb at the Library to get their name added to the list.
**Parent Resource and Follow Up**

**MOMO Challenge**
Recently different news outlets have posted and aired multiple articles about the MOMO Challenge. The information being aired about this is scary and our students are not immune to the tactics this challenge has presented. Please read this [Memo](#) the district has published to help our students and parents understand what this challenge is and how to avoid the dangers it may impose.

**Good News!!**
By now students that made the honor roll or were accepted to NJHS should have been notified and were sent home with letters.

We were very impressed by the number of students that were awarded this year.

Congratulations to all!!

**Celebrate Wayne**
8th grade night for future Wayne Memorial Students
March 27th in the Stockmeyer Auditorium
6:00-7:30pm

View this [Flyer](#) for more information

**NWEA Celebration Time!!**
Due to the many inclement weather days, we have moved our NWEA celebration Day to March 8th.

Our students will be rewarded with a fun filled two hours to let go of their texting anxiety if they beat Franklin MS.

We will also have a raffle drawing for cool gifts. Any student that scored higher on this round of NWEA testing than their last round will have up to 4 chances to enter the raffle. Raffle items include Gift Certificates to Airtime, Red Robin, Towne and Country Lanes and The State Wayne (Phoenix Theatre).

We are also giving away multiple themed gift baskets donated by generous parents.
Coffee with our Principals

This Tuesday we hosted Coffee with the Principals. During this discussions we focused on standardized testing and what your child's score means to them. Please check out the documents on this GoogleDoc. This information was passed out at our meeting and can be used to help assess your students scores.

If you have any additional questions regarding our testing schedule please contact us at (734) 419-2350.

Our next Coffee with our Principal date is March 26th at 9:30 am and 6 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Stevenson Middle School website has been updated with all of this year's dates and times. Please check out our calendar to find out when you can make it.

Student and Parent Surveys

Parents and staff are asked to complete a ThoughtExchange survey. Email and request to join are so the participants can return to the survey to respond to other participants post.

The google form is for students in grades 6-12 to complete the survey. We have asked our teachers to discuss the student survey in their Advisory class.

Link for students: https://goo.gl/forms/jmSDu8DbcnDCSqTH3

ThoughtExchange Link: my.thoughtexchange.com/#179016885

Check out the Westland Library-
March Happenings- CLICK HERE
**Resource Links**

We started this survey to gather information on what articles we should share with our families. The survey will stay open for more feedback each week. This week we are covering different types of anxiety.

- **Tips for Beating Test Anxiety**
- **How Using Social Media Affects Teenagers**

If you find this information helpful you can subscribe to [childmind.org](http://childmind.org) to receive their newsletters.

Talk Early & Talk Often® is a nationally recognized workshop aimed at helping parents of middle & high school youth talk with their children about abstinence and sexuality. The workshop helps parents recognize and use opportunities to open the door for conversation, listen and respond with greater confidence and skill and to feel comfortable seeking outside sources of information. Check out their [flyer](#) for more information.

**Let's Celebrate!!**

Help us congratulate the following students on their efforts and successes with their National History Day Projects.

Listed below are the SMS students moving on to the Regional Competition this Saturday. Congratulations!

- **Group Documentary**
  - Bryce F., Matthew D.
  - Audrea B., Jolene T.
  - Grace B., Brianna B.

  Alternate - Lucene B., Ashton H.

- **Individual Documentary**
  - Teya A.
  - Brady I.
  - Savannah B.

  Alternate - Keith W.

- **Group Exhibit**
  - Kaiya H., Aayat A., Ruby T.
  - Alana and Alissa G.
Alexia M., Cameron S.
Alternate - Brandon B., Makayla C., Luciana H.

**Individual Exhibit**
Madison S.
Greta D.
Simon E.
Alternate - Serina Q.

**Group Website**
Katrina L., Abbie B.
Ethan H., Buster W.
Alexander G., Michael B.
Alternate - Peyton M., Maddie M.

**Individual Website**
Kiersten W.
Alexandria C.
Aiden C.

**Group Performance**
Kaylee R., Julia R.
Grace H., A.J O.
Karley C., Molly M., Lydia M.

**Individual Paper**
Sophia B.
Jaden T.
Alena Z.
Alternate - Faedyn W.

Don't forget to like us on Facebook!
Just look for Stevenson Saints Middle School or follow this link:
https://www.facebook.com/stevensonsaints/
Wrestling and Girl’s Basketball
The wrestling team has a match at Franklin on the 6th, and the girl’s basketball team has a game against Meads Mill on the 4th, and Franklin on the 7th.

Family Resource Center
If your family or a family you know are in need of supplies, clothes, winter gear, food or any other assistance with family care please contact our Family Resource Center at 734-419-2709.

Here is a link to their page on our District Website.

If you have any input you would like to share, please email our Parent Coordinator.

Stevenson Will be Holding a Book Swap!
Click this Link to Learn More!
Congratulations to This Weeks Leaders!
RAW TEXT
Wednesday, March 27, 2019 @ Stockmeyer Auditorium
6:00-7:30pm

This is a great opportunity to see everything Wayne Memorial has to offer our students!

Sign up for an organization/team/club on the spot!

Talk to current Wayne Memorial students about their great experiences!

MARCH 27, 2019
CELEBRATE WAYNE!
February 28, 2019

Dear Wayne-Westland families,

I want to share some information with you about a dangerous challenge that is circulating on social media. It is called the “Momo Challenge.” Momo appears as a frightening image while children are viewing videos or on a messenger app. Momo will ask children to do increasingly harmful tasks to themselves and others. Children are told if they do not complete the challenges, Momo will curse or harm them or their loved ones.

The Momo Challenge can be found on WhatsApp (a free smartphone messaging application), Facebook, YouTube and YouTube Kids. It has been reported that Momo can pop up even with parental controls in place. Momo will appear during a video like Peppa Pig, LOL DOLL, those surprise eggs and Fortnite.

Please use this as an opportunity to remind your children not to accept any communication or request from an unknown phone number, link or app without talking to you first. If someone responds to Momo in a messaging app, then the hackers behind Momo can access your child’s device and use their contacts and personal information to continue to threaten and scare children.

The Momo Challenge is a form of cyberbullying and we must all work together to keep our children safe. Here are some things we can do and resources to help you have conversations with your children.

- Monitor your child’s social media. Know their usernames and passwords.
- Be present when your children are online.
- Talk regularly with your child and monitor their online use.
- Set up parental controls but know that you can’t always rely on it to block harmful material.
- Turn off suggested auto play on videos to stop children from viewing content they have not selected and you have not approved.
- Report and block material you deem inappropriate or harmful to the social media platform.
- Educate yourself on how children are using social media and the threats associated with it.
- Tell your children that Momo it is not real and will not hurt them.
- Here is a link to a video message for parents.
- Here is a link to a video message for students. Please watch this with your child.

Look for more information and resources on our website wwcsd.net, social media and emails from your principal. Here is a parent tip sheet on the Momo Challenge. Again, let’s work together to keep our children safe.

In Releasant Pursuit of Excellence,

Shelley Holt, Ed.D.
Superintendent
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