



Walthill Public School



December 2018/January 2019 Newsletter

From the Counselor's Office

First semester we have had 9 students taking several online college classes from NICC. They are taking American History, Para education, Human Growth and Development and even Intermediate Algebra. Those students are: Jayleen Grant, Sandra Grant, Sonny LaMotte, Christi Merrick, Deshaun Mitchell, Alec Pappan, LaTicia Robinson, Chris Turner, Angelena Grant and Kalleah WhiteEyes. All will be receiving between three and nine college credits this semester!

We have also had 9 students taking dual enrollment English class. These students will be receiving three college credits for English as well as their high school English credit. They are, Kalleah White Eyes, Kason Cline, Sandra Grant, Jayleen Grant, Christi Merrick, Deshaun Mitchell, LaTicia Robinson, and Chris Turner.

Senior News: Most of the students and their parents have signed up with the FAFSA to see what financial aid they will need for college. We had a college sign up day where the students all signed up with their colleges of choice. On November 29, Ms. Page will be taking those students interested in graphic design and media to Northeast College in Norfolk for media day. Small groups of students that are interested in a particular college and a particular field will be taking trips this semester. The goal is to have everyone applied to and accepted by their college of choice by Christmas break. Again, if anyone has questions or concerns about their students please feel free to contact me at the school.

Patti Page – Counselor



During winter there will be some days when it is questionable whether to have school or not due to inclement weather. If possible, a decision about the next school day will be made by 9:00 p.m. for announcement during the 10:00 p.m. news. An early decision is not always possible because of uncertain weather conditions. School officials will make periodic assessments of conditions during the night and will decide early in the morning (by 6:30 a.m. if possible).

Occasionally, weather conditions will deteriorate during a school day to the point where early dismissals are necessary. We try to give a 1-hour notice prior to early dismissal, watch the stations listed below for an announcement.

If you are not currently receiving phone calls from the automated “One Call” system that Walthill Public School uses to inform our families of these, and many other changes, please call the school at 402-846-5432, to add your number to the list.



WALTHILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
PRESENTS
THE

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 12, 2018
6:00 pm

Students need to be in their classrooms by 5:45pm

Walthill High School
New Gym



The Lewis & Clark Conference Honor Band Festival will be held on Saturday, January 19th. The following Walthill High School Band members have been accepted into the Conference Honor Band: Nevah Moniz-Morris 2nd Trumpet, Ava Springer 2nd Clarinet, Lawrence Lovejoy Percussion, Charles Parker Percussion and Priest Morris Baritone. Honor band acceptance was chosen through nomination by the Walthill High School Band Director Mr. Campos. The final concert will be at 4:30 pm in Ramsey Theatre in the Fine Arts Building at Wayne State College. Admission for the final concert is \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students with preschool and under free. Conference passes are honored. There is a traveling trophy for each side of the conference (Lewis & Clark), for the school with the most in attendance.



Back-Lawrence, Charles, Priest
Front-Nevaeh and Ava

map GROWTH™

MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) Testing will begin December 3rd for students 7th through 10th grade. Kindergarten through 6th grade will begin MAP testing after Christmas break. To ensure your student does their very best on the tests, here are some helpful hints:

- *Get a good night sleep before the tests
- *Eat a good breakfast the morning of tests (free at school until 8:00am!)
- *All classroom work is completed, understood, and turned in
- *Be to school on time, and do not get checked out

For more information on MAP testing, and other State Assessment tests administered at WPS, visit our website at www.walthweb.esu1.org and select “Assessment Information” from the column on the left



You can open them again and again!

Merry Christmas to all! Mrs. Low



*Walthill Public School requests your help in locating children who may be in need of early intervention services or supports. Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires states to **identify, locate, and evaluate** all children with disabilities (birth through the year in which they turn 21) who are in need of **early intervention or special education services**. Please use the following developmental milestones as a guideline for assessing your child's development. If you are concerned about your child's development, or that of another child in the community, please contact Casey Hurner at Walthill School at 402-846-5432, Ext. 168.*

DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

BIRTH TO 4 MONTHS

- Vary cries to tell you what he/she needs
- Coo back and forth in conversation with you
- Roll from side to back
- Hold and swipe at objects
- Smile and laugh when you play
- Know and prefer your voice

4-8 MONTHS

- Touch you and her toys to signal for more
- Recognize names of familiar people, daily routines
- Roll over in both directions
- Pick up toys of all sizes
- Move objects from hand to hand
- Explore toys
- Turn and look toward sounds
- Sit without support

8-12 MONTHS

- Combine many different sounds
- Move forward to explore the environment
- Stand with support
- Place toys in containers and take them out again
- Cry and fuss when separating from you

12-18 MONTHS

- Use a few words to tell you what she wants
- Make simple choices
- Walk independently
- Learn how to make simple things work
- Place pegs or forms into boards or shape boxes
- Express many types of emotion with more intensity

18-24 MONTHS

- Say two-word phrases
- Climb on the furniture
- Throw a ball
- Pretend with dolls and household items
- Complete simple puzzles and fit toys together
- Play side by side with other children

2 YEARS

- Combine three to four words in phrases
- Ask questions
- Balance on one foot and learn to jump
- Climb up and down stairs
- Fit together objects of different sizes and shapes
- Learn about quantities
- Act out daily experiences
- Play with other children of the same age

3 YEARS

- Learn many ideas and use new words in short sentences
- Ask many questions and tell stories
- Become more coordinated for running, climbing and riding a tricycle
- Learn about gender and family differences
- Match colors and shapes
- Learn to play with other children
- Learn to solve problems

4 YEARS

- Use words to respond to others
- Use longer sentences in conversations
- Improve drawing, building and cutting skills
- Discover about sizes, volumes, shapes and colors
- Learn to count
- Participate in dramatic play
- Play cooperatively with other children
- Recognize some numbers and letters

5 YEARS

- Run, jump, hop, skip and climb with ease
- Follow three-step directions
- Recognize her printed name
- Ask and answer who, what, when, where questions
- Enjoy games and follow simple rules
- Understand right and wrong
- Draw with detail

The Homework Room is in full swing.



7-12 students can work in Miss Holtgrew's room after school on Project nights.. Students can relax and work on homework with their tunes playing. Computers are available, as is help with homework. Some students choose to work on ACT prep or scholarship essays. Others surf the Internet or read a book from the library or on-line books. Snacks are also provided, as are rides to Macy.

"The Homework Room gives students an opportunity to succeed. If kids are struggling, this gives them a chance to get the help they need," said Miss Holtgrew.

If parents have any questions about the Homework Room, please contact Mrs. Jill Anderson, Project director.

Project Update...

Project Washkon does not provide transportation to students that live in town. We do provide transportation to students that live outside Walthill and in Macy, however we have drop off points. The regular drop off points in Macy are the Police Station, Housing Authority, C-Store, Omaha Lodges, and West Project. If you live outside Walthill or in the country we will provide transportation, however, our drivers stay on the blacktop surfaces only. If you live on gravel, you must call and arrange a place where your child can be picked up. If that place is not at one of the assigned drop off points, you must be there to pick up your child unless another arrangement has been approved by the school and Project Washkon director. We will be implementing a 3 strike rule of transportation. If you are to be at the drop off point to pick up your child and you are not, they will be brought back to the school and Police will be called. If this happens 3 times, transportation privileges will be removed. If you ever need to see if your child is at Project for the night, please call the office after 4 pm as we will have staff by the phone during project hours.

Junior and High School Students are invited to join the homework room and have a snack while they study. However, they will be expected to use appropriate behavior and language. Once they leave the room, they are expected to leave the building. If they are needing a ride, they must remain in the homework room until dismissal. Their transportation is the same as stated above.

As winter is approaching, if Project should need to cancel, we will be using the One Call to inform parents. If you have someone that needs to be informed, please contact the project staff. If for some reason the weather turns bad and we are having project and we feel we need to deliver kids to their homes, a One Call will also go out. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Anderson 402-846-5432 or janderson@walthillschool.org.

During November's Family Fun Night, Brad and Carol (our Speech/Language Pathologist) Conner brought their pony "Houdini" to WPS to put on a show!



Students playing "Teeter Totter" with Houdini



Thank you Brad and Carol, for sharing Houdini with our community!

Veterans Day



Top row- Walthill Alumni Drum Group joined by current WPS High School Students. WPS High School Band

Middle row-4th Graders reading their letters to the Veteran's. Blessing our Veteran's that were in attendance. Nevaeh playing "Taps"

Bottom row-Our students joining in with the dancers

District Football Awards

Congratulations to the following players

Romello Porter-1st Team All District QB

Zander Lovejoy-1st Team All District Athlete

Ulysses LaMotte-2nd Team Defensive Line

Jalen Merrick-2nd Team Line Backer

CJ Porter-Honorable Mention

Tyrell McCauley-Honorable Mention

Kain Miller-Honorable Mention



During the winter months, all children are expected to go outside during recess unless it is raining or extremely cold (wind chill factor of 0 degrees or below) or a temperature below 20 degrees. During cold weather, students should be dressed warmly including coats, hats, scarves, tennis shoes or boots and mittens. **No Shorts or Sandals.**

**ALL VISITORS
PLEASE
CHECK IN AT
FRONT OFFICE**


**As a reminder, when visiting
Walthill Public School, please
check in at the office before
proceeding.**

December

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------|
| | | | |  | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 2:30 JHGBB @ Macy 3:30 JHBBB @ Macy | 4 | 5 2:30 Student Dismissal | 6 6:00 VBB vs BRLD @ Lyons | 7 4:30 JHBBB Home vs Whiting 6:00 VBB Home vs Whiting | 8 |
| 9 | 10 3:00 JHBB Home vs Winnebago | 11 4:00 JHBBB Home vs Pender 6:00 VBB vs E-H @ Emerson | 12 Christmas Program 6:00-students her by 5:45 2:30 Student Dismissal | 13 4:00 JHBBB Home vs BRLD | 14 6:00 VBB Home vs Hartington | 15 4:45 VBB Home vs Meskwaki |
| 16 | 17 3:00 JHGBB Home Tournament | 18  | 19 FULL DAY OF SCHOOL | 20 1:30 Dismissal | 21 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK | 22 |
| 23 | 24 No School | 25  No School | 26 No School | 27 No School | 28  | 29 |
| 30 | 31 No School | | | | | |

MERRY CHRISTMAS

January

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1  | 2 | 3 Staff In-Service | 4 Students Back to School | 5 |
| 6 | 7 2:30 JHGGB Home vs E-H | 8 6:00 VBB Home vs Oakland-Craig | 9 2:30 Student Dismissal | 10 2:30 JHGGB @ Santee 3:30 JHBBB @ Santee 6:15 VBB @ Winside | 11 | 12 9:00 JHBBB Tourney @ Homer |
| 13 | 14 2:30 JHGGB @ Winside 5:30 VGB @ Flandreau | 15 6:30 VBB @ LHNE | 16 2:30 Student Dismissal | 17 6:00 VBB @ Ponca | 18 6:15 VBB Home vs Homer | 19 |
| 20 | 21 6:00 V Boys BB Home vs Allen | 22 6:00 VBB @ Wynot | 23 2:30 Student Dismissal | 24 | 25 | 26 VBB Lewis and Clark Tourney Begins TBA |
| 27 | 28 VBB Lewis and Clark | 29 VBB Lewis and Clark | 30 VBB Lewis and Clark 2:30 Student Dismissal | 31 VBB Lewis and Clark | | |



