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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



As you are likely aware, the Washingtonville Central School District has been developing an updated strategic mission, vision statement, and core values after gathering input from the community, parents, the District administrative team, school administrators and board of education members.

It has been a thorough process and one that has involved every facet of our school and greater Washingtonville community. We have now created a roadmap that we will follow.

Roadmaps may, and likely will, change over time, of course, but our new strategic mission, vision statement, and core values will guide us as we continue to grow and serve our students, our families and our community.

Mission Statement: We support every student, offering equitable access to high-quality programs that prepare them to contribute to their community.

Vision Statement: We are committed to fostering a culture of excellence through a wide variety of experiences and community connections that support the development of independent and critical thinkers.

Core Values: We believe that we can achieve our vision and accomplish our mission if in all of our work we focus on clearly defined and consistently demonstrated core values.

To that end, in all of our actions and interactions, we will:

- Foster mutual respect, trust and civility.
- Recognize the uniqueness of each child.
- Nurture curiosity and life-long learning.
- Build connections that honor different perspectives.
- Model and encourage a growth mindset.

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Q2 HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the students who achieved honor roll status during the second marking period!

[CTECH
Honor Roll](#)

[Washingtonville High School
Honor Roll](#)

[Washingtonville Middle School
Honor Roll](#)



BGTV IS BINGABLE TV

Oh, the things you missed if you didn't check in with Blue & Gold Television in January and February! Our student-run news team has been busy catching up with students, teachers and administrators across the district, to broadcast special interest stories from all over Wizards Nation!

[Check them out on YouTube,](#)
[and hit that subscribe button!](#)



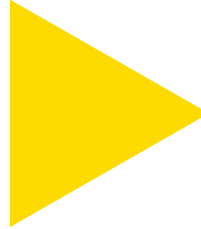
SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

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The District has identified three Priority Areas and five District Goals that will work collectively to direct our attention and resources over the next five years.

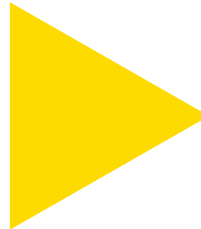
The Student Experience – We will foster an environment that is safe and inclusive for all learners Pre-K to 12 through purposeful partnerships with all stakeholders.

- Ensure that college, career, and civic readiness pathways are designed to enhance the overall student experience, creating a safe and inclusive environment for all learners.
- Create purposeful partnerships with all stakeholders, fostering a sense of belonging and engagement.



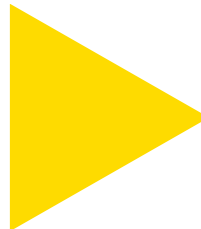
Academic Excellence – We will continuously improve learning within each classroom community.

- Within these pathways, we will focus on continuous improvement to maximize academic excellence.
- Each classroom community will be dedicated to providing high-quality education that prepares students for their future in higher education, the workforce, or the military.



Community Connection – We will continue to enhance our communication tools and create diverse opportunities for connection where trust and collaboration flourish.

- Strong community connections enhance success in guiding students toward their goals.
- Enhance communication tools, creating diverse opportunities for connection where trust and collaboration flourish.
- Involve not only educators but also parents, agencies, and the wider community in supporting student success.



Focusing on these three Priority Areas will allow administration, staff and teachers to achieve our District mission and vision, to address any obstacles that arise, and to allow our District to utilize our energy and resources with greater alignment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Larry Washington
 Superintendent of Schools

MUSIC MAKERS MAKE IT TO ALL-COUNTY

Congratulations to the musicians who took part in the OCMEA All-County festivals in February. Our outstanding music department sent more than four dozen musicians from the middle and high school to perform in this year's festivals, in wind ensemble, chorus, orchestra and jazz band.

It takes months of practice to prepare a solo piece for auditions, and these students not only exhibited their talents, but showed that hard work, challenging yourself, and exploring your interests can lead to great things!

The importance of arts education, and the creative and collaborative occasions that we afford young musicians here in Washingtonville, are invaluable. We are proud to see these young people thrive and succeed as they take advantage of each opportunity. Great work, everyone!

[Read about the high school fest here.](#) [Read about the junior high fest here.](#)



STEM

The National Science Foundation reports that a prevailing number of experts agree, "... science, technology, engineering and math will drive new innovations across disciplines, making use of computational power to accelerate discoveries and finding creative ways to work across disciplinary silos to solve big challenges."

STEM learning helps prepare children to thrive and find fulfillment in their future collegiate and career paths. STEM teaches practical and life skills that extend far beyond traditional science fields, empowering students to pursue varied interests and approach any future endeavor as a confident problem solver.

Here's a peek at some of the exciting and innovative STEM learning at Washingtonville.



The Force Is Strong With Round Hill!



Kindergarteners learned about force and motion in their science classes. They utilized a fun marble game to examine different magnitudes of force.

[Learn more here.](#)

Taft Scientists Are All About Bots!



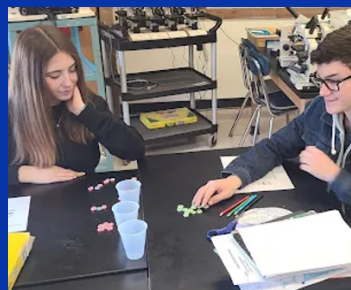
Students learned to program robots, helping them develop their coding, problem-solving and computational thinking skills!

[Learn more here.](#)

Studying Photosynthesis... With Froot Loops?

Students used cereal to model molecules of carbon dioxide, water, glucose and oxygen as they would form and reform in the photosynthesis and cellular respiration cycle. They learned that matter was neither created or destroyed, but changed form.

[Learn more here.](#)



NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THE MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD

The WCSD Board of Education's Making a Difference Award recognizes the teachers, aides, drivers, safety officers, and other district staff whose actions have shown exemplary service to others, and made an impact on the district. Awards are given monthly, and nominations are open between the 1st and 15th of every month.

Nominations can be made by anyone within the WCSD Community, including district staff, students, district parents, local business owners, first responders and law enforcement; and all of our Washingtonville neighbors. **To make your nomination, [click here.](#)**



[Click here](#) to see who won the Making a Difference Award in January!

THE SPORTS PAGE: WIZARDS NATION

Congratulations to WHS freshman John Aponte for placing second in the shot put at the Ocean Breeze Invitational on Staten Island with a personal best of 36' 7.5".

In January, Wizards grappler Mason Ketcham, Jr. took 3rd place in the 145lb weight class at the prestigious Eastern States Classic, hosted by SUNY Sullivan.

The varsity cheerleading team captured 1st Place at the Highland Winter Husky Rumble at Highland HS on January 21, 2024. We've got trophies, yes we do!

Our community-minded Wizards girls basketball players hosted a youth night on January 25 for young players in area CYO programs. Great job, everyone!



WIZARDS... LET'S GOOO! The Spring Season Kicks Off In March

- Varsity and JV: Teams start March 11, 2024.
- Modified: Teams start March 18, 2024.

You can find the start date and registration info for every Wizard team, by clicking here.



UPCOMING DISTRICT DATES

March 4-8, 2024

- RH book fair
- TF book fair & PARP week
- TF PTA meeting

March 5, 2024

HS/MS chorus day in-school festival

March 6, 2024

- TF PTA meeting

March 7-9, 2024

- HS Drama Club spring musical

March 11, 2024

- RH PTA meeting
- Spring athletics begin

March 12, 2024

- HS/MS band day in-school festival
- Music In Our Schools band concert

March 13, 2024

- Early dismissal, HS/MS parent-teacher conferences

March 14, 2024

- LB PTO meeting
- Board of Ed work session

March 15 & 16, 2024

- MS Drama Club musical

March 20, 2024

- Early dismissal, HS/MS parent-teacher conferences

March 21, 2024

- Board of Ed business meeting

March 25 - April 1, 2024

- Spring Break

USEFUL LINKS

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[Round Hill Calendar](#)

[Taft Calendar](#)

[WMS Calendar](#)

[WHS Calendar](#)

